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Suicide victim found in forest

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ARCATA COMMUNITY FOREST – A woman's body was found Thursday afternoon, Sept. 10 in the lower Arcata Community Forest.

The Humboldt County Coroner's Office conducted an autopsy Friday, and determined that the cause of death to be suicide by hanging.

The body was discovered by a hiker in a ravine carved by Campbell Creek, about 500 feet northwest of the intersections of Trails 1 and 2. The area is heavily used by forest walkers, but the body was down an extremely steep slope in a densely wooded area, and not readily apparent from the trail.

According to Chief Deputy Coroner Ernie Stewart, the unidentified victim committed suicide by hanging. Her body had been at the site an estimated 48 hours. She was Caucasian, between 19 and 23 years old; 5 feet, 3 inches or taller and about 125 pounds.

The woman was clad in jeans and a T-shirt that bore the term "Gypsy Soul" on the front and blue Crocs-style footwear. Her tattoos included an outline of wings on her back, with a star-like symbol the size of a fist inside. "It's a shape that I had never seen before," Stewart said. Other tattoos included a black scorpion on her lower abdomen and a large red rose on her hip.

Arcata Police Lt. Ryan Peterson said the

SUICIDE ❖ B6

Effort to disband McK gang

Town urged to form watch groups; more deputies to be hired

Jack Durham
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McKINLEYVILLE – Law enforcement is making progress dismantling a local gang, McKinleyville is getting more deputies and assistance is available from the

Sheriff's Office to help organize Neighborhood Watch groups.

These were among the positive reports to come out of a special meeting of McKinleyville Community Watch (MCW) held Thursday, Sept. 10 at Azalea

Hall. About 120 residents, many of whom are part of MCW's lively, 2,369-member-strong Facebook page, attended the meeting.

Also on hand were Lt. Kevin Miller,

CRIME ❖ A5



IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD A landmark year in gay rights was celebrated at the 23rd annual Humboldt Pride Parade and Festival on Saturday, Sept. 12 in Eureka. Drag queens, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and Humboldt Roller Derby were some of the many organizations marching down First Street, joined by a rainbow of folks, kids and many dogs, culminating at the annual festival in Halvorsen Park. humboldtpride.org PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

MMIZ OK'd by Planco

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ARCATA – Arcata's Planning Commission last week approved a resolution creating a Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone (MMIZ) on West End Road. The resolution will next go to the City Council for possible further modification and final approval.

The MMIZ designates 12 parcels near Aldergrove Industrial Park as sites where medical cannabis-related businesses may start up and operate with a minimum of bureaucracy and just by obtaining routine permits.

The controversial, somewhat risky scheme has multiple aims: to bring order to a burgeoning

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McK teenager killed in gang shooting



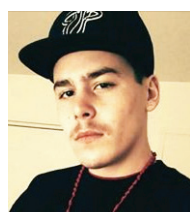
MEMORIAL TO DAX BROWN at Hammond Park in Eureka. JD | UNION

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McKINLEYVILLE/EUREKA – In the days after 18-year-old Dax Edward Brown was fatally shot at Eureka's Hammond Park, a makeshift memorial sprang up near where he was killed.

Surrounded by votive candles, rosary beads, stuffed animals and balloons, a photo of Brown as a baby sat in the middle of the memorial. A red Mylar balloon, on which someone had scrawled "Forever in our hearts! Rest easy homeboy!" floated above a miniature skateboard, an unopened bottle of Rolling Rock beer and other mementos left in honor of the McKinleyville teenager.

HOMICIDE ❖ A5



Dax Edward Brown

Blue Lakers rally behind Logger Bar

Patrick Evans
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BLUE LAKE – The Skinner Store in Blue Lake was packed wall-to-wall with a crowd of about 40 people during the Blue Lake City Council meeting Sept. 8.

A couple dozen more people milled about outside or leaned in through open windows. It was hot and stuffy, but the people

were enjoying themselves, watching half-interestedly the workings of city government as they waited for the big issue of the night, the fate of the historic Logger Bar's weekend live music.

Complaints about noise from the Logger Bar began two years ago, shortly after Kate Martin re-opened the

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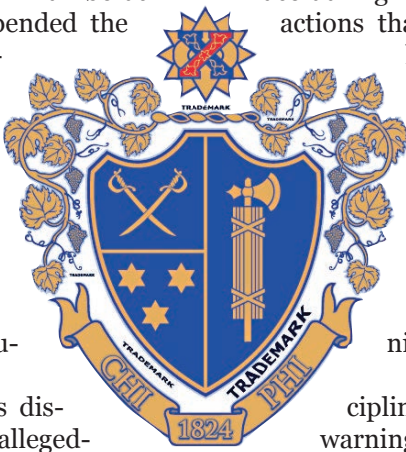
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HSU fraternity suspended

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HUMBOLDT STATE – Humboldt State University has suspended the Chi Phi fraternity as it investigates possible violations of the student code of conduct.
During the suspension, the fraternity will not be allowed to recruit new members or to use campus services that are available for recognized student organizations.
The suspension follows discovery of a video that was allegedly shown to potential new members during a Greek recruitment event. The



video shows what appears to be alcohol use during fraternity events as well as actions that could be construed as hazing. These activities are strictly prohibited by university policy and potentially violate state law.
In addition to suspending the organization, HSU has alerted the fraternity's national organization about the situation. The fraternity faces disciplinary action ranging from a warning to expulsion from campus. Individual members may face disciplinary action as well.

INTO THE LIGHT The Arcata Out of the Darkness Community Walk took place Sunday morning, beginning on the Arcata Plaza. The three-mile walk was part of a national event sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, intended to raise awareness of suicide and ways to recognize and prevent it. Speakers and booths highlighted suicide-related issues and promoted suicide prevention. afsp.org
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Rob's loving labors lost on Vets Park thieves, abusers

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – Rob Hepburn continues to honor those who have served our country in uniform and help the city maintain a pleasant patch of green at Arcata's tiny Veterans Memorial Park, located on Eighth Street between F and G streets.
But the Vietnam vet may be stuck in a losing quagmire. His efforts to pretty up the place have been met with all manner of careless disregard for the park and the public.



A SISYPHEAN CHALLENGE Rob Hepburn and Petey at Veterans Memorial Park, left. Right, an alleged shoplifter did not fund succor at the park. Below, one day's haul of bottles and cans. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



The foliage he plants has been trampled and stolen. Litter is strewn about the minute remove near the Portland Loo at Seventh and F streets. Graffiti uglies the large rock on which is mounted a plaque honoring veterans. Women who work in nearby Plaza shops are frequently harassed by indolent lingerers who loll there and leer at passing females.
Still, the former U.S. Marine soldiers on. But he'd like more cooperation from the park's users.
"I do this in honor of my fellow veterans who died in the wars," Hepburn said. "Actually, all victims in all wars."
Most of the park's users are peaceable traveler folk just looking for somewhere off-grid to hang out and not be bothered.
"Ninety percent of the people are not a problem," Hepburn noted. He doesn't want all park users tarred as abusers, just the destructive minority that degrades the site for everyone else.
"This used to be all planted," Hepburn said, pointing out gaps

in the greenery. "I had a lavender here, but it was trampled and killed. There was a really nice aloe vera; that lasted five days and it was stolen." An azalea was also short-lived, as have been other plantings.
A previous *Union* story about the issues at the Vets Park brought forth generous offers of replacement plants from Farmers' Market vendors, but Hepburn is hesitant to accept their donations. "They're just going to be stolen again," he said ruefully.
What's not stolen is walked on and killed. A screen of decorative foliage offers diminishing separation from the street, as no fewer than six social trails have been blazed right across and through the plants.
"I'd like to keep one, or maybe two [trails]," he said. "But not six paths destroying the garden."
The chronic destruction is discouraging Hepburn from further beautification.



"I can't plant anything here," he lamented. "They just get trampled. It's a dead zone."
Despite near-daily garbage round-ups, bottles, food wrappers and cigarette butts peek out from under plants. When Hepburn tried to address the issue with one young park abusers, his efforts at reason were met with rage.
"I almost got in a fight," said the softspoken former warrior, holding his small chihuahua mix, Petey. "Now that I'm 68, I don't want to get in physical fights."
What does he want? Simply, for park users to think about what they're doing, and respect the

downtown micro-oasis. "It's more of an awareness thing," he said.
'I'm over it'
Less generous in her assessments was a verbal harassment victim who works on the Plaza. For her, the park is a daily tension-inducing nuisance.
The woman (who we're not naming due to the risk of increased harassment) recently called police about the abuse emanating from the park, and is fed up with it.
"It's constant – people yell at me every day," she said of the harassment. "I can't park back there. I can't go on a walk to get fresh air or make a phone call."
The verbal assault she endured that day was as unoriginal as it was annoying. "I was told I needed to 'pick up my smile,'" she said. When she didn't respond, the man said, "I found this for you," and gave her the finger. This was followed by "jerkoff gestures," as she described them.

"He also wanted me to suck his dick," she said. "I like some salty humor, but that's too much."
In this incident, an Arcata Police officer came by and warned the parksters to behave, but no harassers were identified.
The woman blamed what she called "loser-ass travelers."
"I'm over it," she said.
Immediately after the incident, a reporter asked people at the park who may have been responsible. No one stepped forward to admit the verbal abuse, or identify who was responsible.
A small group of people sharing a can of chili and sack of tortilla chips professed ignorance.
"We're just eating chili," said one man, his movements becoming agitated and voice rising in indignation. "Can't anyone eat chili anymore?" he blurted. *"Is that illegal now? DID THEY PASS A LAW AGAINST EATING CHILI IN THE PARK?"*
Grocery getaway
They did not. But there are laws against shoplifting, as a man who allegedly walked out of the Uniontown Safeway with a bag of groceries last Thursday, Sept. 10 learned when he settled down for a purportedly purloined picnic at the park.
Quickly tracked down by APD officers, the man surrendered the ill-gotten deli trays, yogurt and donuts. With stern officers buzz-killing the bon vivant vibes, other park users sat in brooding silence as the alleged shoplifter was cited for shoplifting. The uneaten groceries were collected for return to the store.



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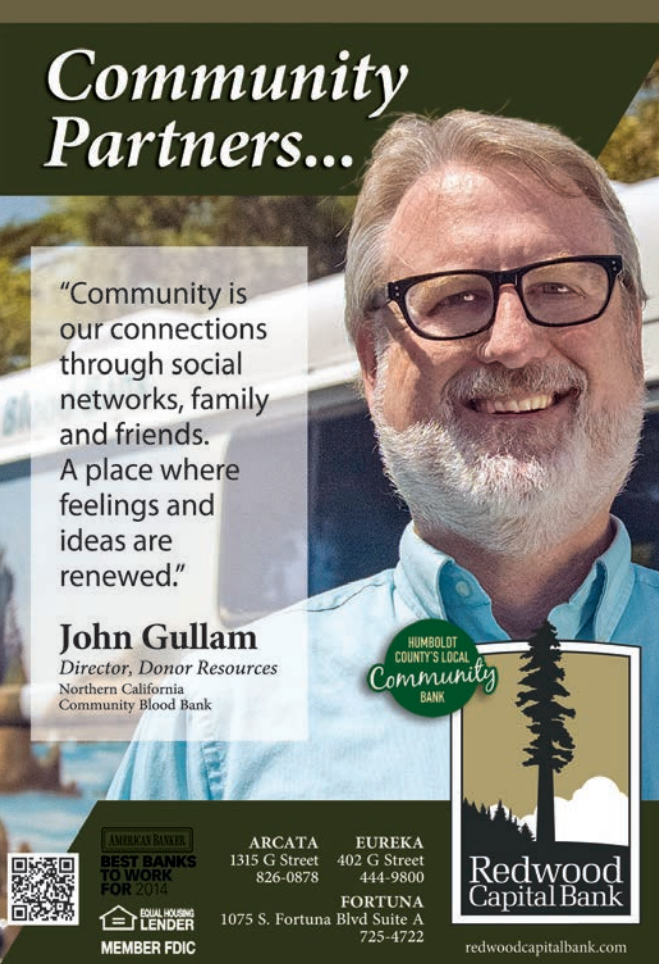
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COMMITTEE TO ELECT MIKE WILSON
ARCATA – After receiving endorsements from a majority of Arcata City Council members, the Committee to Elect Mike Wilson for Supervisor invites supporters and the public to a Campaign Kick-Off Barn Dance on Friday, Sept. 25 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building, 1425 J St. The event will feature the Striped Pig String Band and callers Lyndsey Battle and Nigella Mahal. Dancers and non-dancers are welcome; lessons will be provided and no dancing experience is required. Supporters will have time

to mingle as well as dance. “A community barn dance is the perfect way to kick off Mike’s campaign,” said Arcata City Councilmember Susan Ornelas. “He truly puts the community first. He’s a leader and innovator with a lot of passion for making Humboldt County an even better place.” Arcata Mayor Michael Winkler added, “Mike’s work with the Harbor District shows his ability to work collaboratively with a board that includes diverse viewpoints to create practical and productive outcomes. I think his motivation and ideas will be a huge asset for the board of supervisors and the 3rd District.”

“I’m excited that Mike is running for 3rd District supervisor,” said Arcata Councilmember Sofia Pereira. “He has a forthright, problem-solving approach that’s refreshing. I believe that his professional experience as an environmental engineer and business person will be a great fit for the Board of Supervisors. He’s the best choice for this job.” Admission is \$7/\$5 for students (suggested donation; no one will be turned away for lack of funds).

Chili, cornbread, desserts and snacks will be for sale along with local beer, hard cider and freshly pressed apple juice. Mike Wilson announced his 3rd District Supervisor Campaign on Aug. 11 with the endorsement of two-term Supervisor Mark Lovelace, who is not seeking re-election.

Those needing to update their voter registration can do so at the dance. For more information and to volunteer for the dance or the campaign, visit votemikewilson.org, email votemikewilson@gmail.com or call Nancy Stephenson at (707) 845-2315.

On The House...

Joanie and John Frederick

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Wheetley, Stevens bound for White House

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ARCATA – When the City Council meets today, Sept. 16, at least one seat behind the Council Chamber dais will be vacant.

Councilmember Mark Wheetley will have a good excuse for missing city business that day, as will Recreation Division Manager Heather Stevens – in fact, it might be the best reason ever for not going to work.

The two will be guests of First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House. They’ll spend the day there, participating in activities highlighting the First Lady’s Let’s Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC) fitness program to combat childhood obesity.

Wheetley almost didn’t get the invitation. On checking his email one afternoon, he noticed that a message had been sent into his spam folder. On a whim, he checked it and got a surprise.

“The first thing I pull out says ‘White House’ on it,” he recalled. “Michelle Obama’s invitation got spammed!”

Compounding the surprise was that no one from the city applied or otherwise asked to attend the event. Apparently, the Obama Administration simply got wind of Arcata’s dynamic recreation programs and participation in Let’s Move!

“Because of the great work of the staff, we have surged to gold medal status,” Wheetley said.

“For both of us, it was a huge surprise because it



FRIENDS OF FLOTUS City Councilmember Mark Wheetley and Recreation Division Manager Heather Stevens.

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wasn’t something that we applied for,” Stevens affirmed. “It’s not like a grant application, where you’re waiting to hear back.”

About 300 people were invited to the day-long event, which includes presentations and a luncheon, and, possibly, an activity in the White House’s organic garden.

When Wheetley was mayor of Arcata, he attended a League of California Cities conference, where he learned that, due to the epidemic of childhood obesity, the current generation of children may be the first to not have the longevity of their parents.

“That as one of the most staggering things I ever heard,” he said. On returning from the meeting, Wheetley helped boost Arcata’s participation in health and fitness programs.

Stevens credited the city’s many community partners in the effort. “They’re a big art of being able to accomplish these goals,” she said.

Wheetley is paying for his own transportation to the nation’s capital, while Stevens’ travel will be partly sponsored by the City of Arcata.

The invitation gave both a little anxiety on one question – what to wear.

“It’s just a huge honor,” Stevens said.

An excerpt from the City of Arcata’s press release:

CITY OF ARCATA
First Lady Michelle Obama is honoring Arcata’s Recreation Division and other community programs from across the country for efforts to reverse America’s childhood obesity epidemic.

The First Lady’s Let’s Move! Cities, Towns and Counties initiative en-

lists local elected officials to create policies that put young children on the path to a healthy future. Those policies translate to programs that help parents get informed about healthy choices; provide healthier foods in schools and during afterschool or summer activities; ensure that every family has access to healthy, affordable food; and help children reduce screen time and be more physically active.

Arcata earned a total of 13 Let’s Move! medals for providing free summer lunches and snacks to community youth at Redwood Day Camp and Camp Odyssey and providing families with newborn to 5-year-old children with nutritional resources and support services as part of its Arcata Play Center program. Convenient access to the City’s impressive array of 30 open spaces totaling 106 acres of community parkland and open space also played a role in Arcata’s Let’s Move! success.

Arcata’s recreational lands include neighborhood and community parks; over 15 playgrounds; nine athletic fields; special use and linear parks for tennis, skateboarding, bocce, pickle ball, and greenways; non-motorized trail systems; family picnic areas; the downtown Plaza; the Bayside Park Community Supported Agriculture farm and community garden; and undeveloped open space.

For more information, visit HealthyCommunitiesHealthyFuture.org.

Wheetley to enter race for 3rd District Supervisor

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – City Councilmember Mark Wheetley plans to run for the Third District supervisorial seat being vacated by Supervisor Mark Lovelace. Other announced candidates include Harbor Commissioner Mike Wilson and citizen Uri Driscoll.

“I think I can bring a needed skill set and a lot of government experience to the board,” he said. A senior planner with the State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Wheetley said his four terms on the City Council and 30 years of state government experience, plus working with “cities up and down the state” as part of the League of Cal-

ifornia Cities would help him better serve citizens.

Wheetley said he’d like to “return the focus to early childhood priorities,” which he said form the basis of problems later in life.

He’d also like to improve services, improve antiquated infrastructure and modernize county facilities.

“Times are changing around us,” Wheetley said. “We’ve been through a period of diviseness,” he said. “I’m prepared to represent diverse viewpoints with a calmer approach,” he said.

Wheetley knows he is late to the game, with other candidates having both announced and racked up en-

dorsements for the 2016 election. “I’m having to play catch-up on that front,” he said. “It’s going to be a long campaign season, with a lot of time to air all the issues.”

Meanwhile, Wilson has garnered nods from most of Wheetley’s councilmember colleagues and the incumbent. “I have nothing negative to say about Mike,” he said. But, he added, “I have much broader experience to bring to the board.”

Wheetley said he’s received “positive feedback and a lot of encouragement” for his candidacy.

If elected, Wheetley would leave his City Council post two years before the end of his current term.

MMIZ | On to the City Council

❖ FROM A1

ing cannabis industry and bring it out of the underground and residential neighborhoods; to incentivize the industry to create well-paying jobs; to help restore the blighted area in and around the shattered Humboldt Flakeboard plant; and to enlarge Arcata’s tax base.

The ideal result would be a sustainable, environmentally friendly cannabis themed industrial park that capitalizes on Arcata’s natural and workforce assets, creates jobs and tax revenue.

But many residents, particularly neighbors, foresee problems with marijuana becoming even more accessible to young people, cannabis odors wafting through adjacent neighborhoods, more traffic and other impacts. The prospect of Arcata becoming an officially endorsed cannabis capital of sorts does not sit well with some.

Some current cannabis businesspeople consider the new regulations arbitrary, or too restrictive in terms of growing space and compliance requirements.

Police Chief Tom Chapman has expressed concern about illegal activity by those accustomed to skirting the law. These include diversions – that is, cannabis grown elsewhere illegally and brought to Arcata for processing, which amounts to “marijuana laundering,” as he called it.

“We’d be supporting some of those grows that are just offensive or destructive,” Chapman said.

Still, he said other states that have already legalized could offer helpful lessons in cannabis regulation. “There are models out there that have had varying degrees of success,” he said. “Why reinvent the wheel?”

Those accommodations may be born of necessity. The alternative – doing nothing and allowing Arcata’s obsolete, grow house-oriented cannabis regulations to remain as the only city regulatory standards even as legalization looms – is seen by city staff as not just a prescription for more mid-2000s-style dysfunction, but a missed opportunity. Thus the MMIZ.

Last week’s hearing, the third on the topic at the Planco, brought some last-minute changes to the plan. Staff and commissioners had expressed concern about the MMIZ being used for large-scale cultivation.

Indoor mega-grows could, depending on how they’re set up, consume vast amounts of electricity, provide negligible employment and possibly minimize creation of more artisanal, value-added forms of cannabis production.

But after testimony by cannabis industry speakers and discussion of carbon offsets being required, a limit of 10 percent or 1,000 square feet of a building’s floor area being committed to growing was raised to 25 percent or 4,000 square feet.

Some citizens and area businesspeople said they had not received adequate notice of the pending plans. Some

neighboring businesspeople wanted to be included in the MMIZ, though one didn’t want to be “surrounded by it.”

Current cannabis dispensary operators believe the limits on growing space are too restrictive, and are looking at growing vertically – that is, with stacked plant-growing systems.

Chair Robert Flint maintained that the emphasis should be on “value-added products” rather than grows. But those wishing to exceed 4,000 square feet could do so with an additional Conditional Use Permit.

Community Development Director Larry Oetker said compliance will be a major component for businesses operating the MMIZ, as will be monitoring that compliance for the city.

Commissioner Judith Mayer lamented the subtle duplicity involved with the MMIZ. “The border between medical and recreational marijuana is really thin,” she said. “Pretending that we’re legislating for medical marijuana and that its not going to turn into something else is a fiction.”

Commissioner Paul Hagen took umbrage at citizens implying that city officials hadn’t provided notice.

“People accuse staff of not following the law, and I find that offensive,” he said. “We’re trying to create something new here.”

Commissioner Chuck Giannini dismissed the requirement for carbon credits, which the City of Arcata markets to benefit the city’s Forest Fund, as a sham. “The trees are growing anyway,” Giannini said. “We don’t need to pay the city for it.”

Logger | City postpones decision on fate of bar

❖ **FROM A1**
Logger in 2012. A letter signed by 14 Blue Lake residents sent to the Logger Bar in March 2014 said that loud music from bar kept neighbors awake at night and that drunk bar patrons had vandalized nearby properties.

The Logger’s owner, Kate Martin, addressed complaints in a letter to the city council in August 2015. Martin said that the bar already limits its hours of operation. The Logger is permitted to play music until 2 a.m. most nights a week, but they only host live shows from 9 p.m. to 12:20 a.m., Martin said.

The Blue Lake City Council opened the discussion of the Logger Bar’s weekend shows with public comments, starting with Blue Lake residents who lived within earshot of the bar.

First to speak was a neighbor of the Logger and co-owner of R&B Auto, Ray Raygoza. Raygoza said that complaints could be resolved if the Logger would cut off music earlier.

“We’re not trying to shut down the bar,” Raygoza said.

He said that he wanted to the bar to abide by noise limits set for the residential zones surrounding the bar and stop live music by 10 p.m. on weekends.

Raygoza and 13 other Blue Lake residents signed a petition in 2014 to “stop the noise and nuisance that the Logger Bar has been causing in our neighborhood.”

A petition in support of live music on weekends at the Logger had more than 100 signatures from Blue Lake residents.

Ian Hutchins spoke next, kicking off a long line of Blue Lake residents eager to defend their favorite local watering hole.



THE LOGGER Blue Lake’s watering hole. JV | UNION

Hutchins shares a property line with the Logger Bar. “The noise level is reasonable, I put on a little music and I can’t hear anything [from the bar]” he said. DeeDee Arlene, who lives a couple of blocks over from the bar, said she liked being able to hear music from her back yard in the evening.

“I hear the music... it’s part of the charm of living in Blue Lake,” Arlene said.

She said the bar crowd had yet to cause problems in her neighborhood.

“There is no trash [from the bar], no beer cans, no rubbers in the yard,” she said.

Rick Levine, a Blue Lake resident who occasionally plays with a band at the Logger said he thought late night live music was the lifeblood of the bar.

“I think we’d see the Logger shut down, I think the place would be vacant” Levine said.

It was a sentiment voiced over and over as Blue Lake locals stepped to the podium. Blue Lake businesses Stardough’s Café, Chumaya Spa and Dell’Arte International all expressed support for the Logger Bar’s weekend music.

The manager of the Mad River Brewery Tap Room, Genevieve Noggle, said she worried that a loss of patrons at the Logger Bar on weekends would mean a loss of patrons and revenue for the Tap Room as well.

Blue Lake locals spoke about the hundreds of volunteers who helped Martin renovate and reopen the Logger Bar in 2012, and said it was a labor of love for the Blue Lake community. Older locals said the noise and commotion at the bar now was nothing compared to the surly crowds of drunken smokers

who used to hang around outside.

The old Logger was described as a dusty dive bar with plywood boards across its windows. A place “where you drank it down” and fights were common.

There were a few other voices of complaint at the meeting. One resident said that the noise was keeping her daughter and grandchildren awake, and even supporters of the Logger conceded that the crowd outside the bar could be a problem some nights.

Many people said they wanted to see the city and Sheriff’s Office dealing with more serious problems, like a recent rash of thefts and car break-ins, and a burglary at the Blue Lake Post Office.

Mayor Michele McCall-Wallace said the city council would need more information about the old zoning regulation before it could make any decisions.

The zoning ordinance that applies to the Logger Bar is uncertain. The Logger is not regulated by city zoning ordinances created in 2009. Like many businesses in Blue Lake the bar is held to the standards of a zoning ordinance it inherited from previous owners, known as a grandfather clause. The zoning ordinance that applies to the Logger Bar could be from 1956.

“It’s clear that this is a grey issue,” McCall-Wallace said.

In response to complaints about vandalism and bathroom-challenged bar patrons urinating on cars, McCall-Wallace said to the crowd, “If that’s any of you here, please stop.”

The city council postponed any decision about the bar’s zoning regulation until it can collect reports from city departments and the Fire Marshall. The council also voted unanimously to write a letter to the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control to let the department know that the city is working to resolve the situation.

❖ MEMORIAL

Sid Dominitz remembered

MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – Sid Dominitz, longtime editor of *EcoNews* and a core member of the Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC), died Friday, Sept. 11 due to complications from a heart condition. He was 74 years old.

A Trinidad resident, Dominitz was a mentor to many aspiring writers, as well as a few executive directors of the



Sid Dominitz

Facebook page included the following: “Sid, we will miss your wit, your realism, your passion and your guidance (whether we asked for it or not). You taught so many lessons that many of us will continue to hold on to throughout the rest of our earthly journeys. Go well, good friend.”

A memorial service for Dominitz is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Trinidad Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you plant a tree or donate to NEC.

tors of the NEC. He founded NEC’s Adopt-A-Beach and Coastal Cleanup program more than 35 years ago. The NEC’s

Homicide | ‘He was very sweet and very kind’

❖ **FROM A1**
As of late last week, Eureka Police were still investigating the homicide, which took place Saturday evening, Sept. 5.

‘Gang-involved’ shooting

EPD was called to the park, located at 14th and F streets two blocks south of the Eureka Municipal Auditorium, at about 10:06 p.m. that night for a report of an unconscious male with a gunshot wound.

The victim, later identified as Brown, was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

As of Monday, Sept. 14, when the *Union* went to press, details released by EPD about the shoot-

ing were limited.

“Preliminary investigation indicates the homicide was gang-involved and followed a dispute between multiple young males who had gathered at or near the park just prior to the shooting,” stated a press release issued by EPD last week. “EPD detectives and evidence technicians are still in the process of actively investigating this homicide and processing evidence that was collected at the scene. Multiple witnesses have been identified and interviewed, and several investigative leads have been developed.”

Brown was widely known to be affiliated with the Mack Town Boys, a McKinleyville gang made up

mostly of younger boys who have been accused of a variety of petty crimes. However, that involvement was flatly denied by Amanda Lamberson, who took Brown into her home in December 2014. “I don’t think Dax was a part of anything like that,” Lamberson said.

‘A very loving person’

Regardless of whether Brown was involved in gang activity or not, the young man was loved and made an impression on people.

“He was very sweet and very kind,” said Jan Carr, who first met Brown years ago when he played McKinleyville Youth Football. Although Brown sometimes acted like a tough guy, “I think he was

very soft inside,” Carr said.

Carr said that Brown was “very well liked” and some of the kids in town “idolized and looked up to him.”

“He was a very loving person,” Lamberson said. He enjoyed playing basketball and he loved animals, she said.

By all accounts, Brown had a tough life. He was abandoned by his father and raised by his mother. At times, they were homeless as his mother struggled with substance abuse issues.

Brown’s mother died when he was 12, and Brown bounced between various foster homes. “He basically had to fend for himself,” Carr said.

“It was heartbreaking,” Lam-

berson said.

But things changed when the Lamberson family took him in. He stayed with the McKinleyville family on and off, then moved in permanently in December 2014. “We’re such a tight knit family. We welcomed him with open arms,” Lamberson said. “I think this is the first time he ever felt loved.”

Brown graduated from Tsurai High School in McKinleyville in June and was supposed to start his first job on Tuesday, Sept. 8, three days after he died, at Sun Valley Floral Farm.

Lamberson said her daughter, 16-year-old Makaila Lamberson, is pregnant with Brown’s child. Brown, she said, was excited about starting his own family.

Crime | ‘We can’t do the job without you’

❖ **FROM A1**
Undersheriff William Honsal, Chief Probation Officer William Damiano, District Attorney Maggie Fleming, Officer Cy May of the California Highway Patrol and Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg.

Mack Town Boys

According to law enforcement, there is a small gang of young people, mostly juveniles, who make up what is popularly known as the Mack Town Boys. The ruffians are known for committing petty crimes. They have also been known to bully people, specially fellow students.

Hours before last week’s meeting, a local student posted a photo on the MCW Facebook page of three boys who are allegedly part of the gang, reporting that the kids confronted and threatened him. Sheriff’s deputies were summoned to the scene to investigate.

At the special meeting, Lt. Miller discussed the local gang problem, although he did not specifically mention the Mack Town Boys.

“Gang problem – that seems to be a hot button issue here in McKinleyville lately and rightfully so,” Miller said.

“We are well aware of the problem,” Miller said. “Fortunately, it’s a very small number of people in this community who claim to be members of this particular gang.”

Because most of the gang members are juveniles, Miller said he could not mention their names.

“All I want to reassure everybody of is that we are aware of the problem. We are working with probation. We’re working with the school district. And we’re working with the gang task force. And we are taking steps to mitigate some of the problems that we’re seeing.”

Miller said that for “obvious reasons” he did not want to get into the strategy being used to address the gang problem. “It’s like leaving the play book out on the table so the other team can see it,” Miller said.

Miller was optimistic that the gang problem could be solved.

“I’m really confident that we’re going to be able to get a firm grip on this and hope-

fully it will no longer be a problem for us up here,” Miller said.

More deputies

McKinleyville and the rest of the county are getting more deputies thanks to the passing last year of Measure Z, the half-cent sales tax increase that funds “public safety” related services.

Undersheriff Honsal credited the McKinleyville community for Measure Z. “We owe the McKinleyville community a big debt,” Honsal said, explaining that it was the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) that proposed the idea of a sales tax to fund public safety. “The letter they [the McKMAC] wrote to the Board of Supervisors got this ball rolling,” Honsal said.

The funding, which became available July 1, has allowed the Sheriff’s Office to hire more deputies, thereby putting more boots on the ground.

“We are in the process of hiring close to 17 deputies and its going to make a huge impact to this community,” Honsal said.

The Sheriff’s Northern Command Area, which includes McKinleyville, should be fully staffed by January, if not sooner. All of the new positions should be filled by next spring.

Crime data

Among the concerns of the MCW group, organized by citizens via Facebook, is having information about local crimes and where they are happening.

Miller had good news for the group: By the end of the year, crime statistics for McKinleyville and the rest of the unincorporated areas served by the Sheriff’s Office should be available online.

“We’re well on our way to getting that started,” Miller said. “It should be up and running well before the end of the year.”

Neighborhood Watch

The Sheriff’s Office has also launched an effort to organize more Neighborhood Watch groups. Ginger Campbell, who can be reached at (707) 839-6606, is available to help neighborhoods get organized. There are signs and orange patrol vests available.

“She is awesome,” said Sundberg about



PUBLIC SAFETY PANEL From left, Chief Probation Officer William Damiano, Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Undersheriff William Honsal, Sheriff Lt. Kevin Miller, Officer Cy May of the California Highway Patrol and District Attorney Maggie Fleming. JD | UNION

Campbell. “She’s really good at what she does.”

Honsal explained at the meeting that residents need to take precautions to protect themselves from becoming victims of crimes.

“I wish we were in the days of the ’50s where you could keep your doors open, you could keep a purse in the car and things would be safe, you wouldn’t have to worry about somebody ripping you off,” Honsal said. “Unfortunately, we’re never going back.”

Honsal said the Sheriff’s Office wants the entire community to form a Neighborhood Watch. “It’s us helping each other. We can’t do the job without you, and the job can’t be done without us.”

Complaints

John Frederick, the owner of Azalea Realty in McKinleyville, told law enforcement of his experience last month when a man broke into his office. The suspect stole numerous items, was arrested, released, then rearrested for another crime he allegedly committed several hours later.

Frederick said that when he went to the Sheriff’s Office to get a police report for his insurance, he had to pay \$35. Also, the stolen items that were recovered by law enforcement are now booked into evidence and unavailable to him.

Frederick explained that after being ripped off, he had to spend even more money, and he could not get the recovered items back.

Honsal responded that the Sheriff’s Office would look into its policy regarding charging for police reports. DA Fleming suggested that Frederick contact her to see if the evidence can be returned.

Fleming also responded to a gener-

al complaint she sometimes hears – that there was a crime, but no one was charged. Fleming said that crimes that are reported to the Sheriff’s Office do not necessarily ever make it to the District Attorney’s office. Although people reporting crimes may have great certainty that they know the perpetrators, the Sheriff’s Office needs sufficient evidence before bringing the case to the DA for prosecution. If that evidence is unavailable, the DA never sees the case.

Transient problems

One woman asked why there are so many transients in McKinleyville.

“I feel the transient population in our town has increased exponentially,” she said.

Lt. Miller responded that while there is still a problem with transients, the population in McKinleyville appears to have declined.

As for the reasons there are so many transients in McKinleyville, one of them is that they are welcomed. Miller noted that people give them food and money. Although the donors are well meaning, Miller said that people should consider giving to a recognized charity that can help people, rather than giving directly to the transients.

The Sheriff’s Office is also working with owners of vacant properties to get them cleaned up. If the property owners provide a letter to the Sheriff’s Office stating that they have not given permission to people to camp on their properties, then deputies can go out and have people removed or cited for trespassing.

Supervisor Sundberg also noted that the county has a transportation assistance program. If a person has someone who can help them outside of Humboldt, the program will pay for a bus ticket.

OPINION

A fitting end to summer while awaiting much-wished-for wet noise

On a warm and still Humboldt evening, Sue and I made our way to the Kokte Ranch in Bayside for the Barntini fundraiser for the Jacoby Creek Land Trust (JCLT) and the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center. Mark Fritzke, a friend and JCLT board-member, pointed us to a parking spot, giving us a minute or two to play catch-up before the next driver required his attention.

Many Humboldt events are marked by throngs of people arriving stylishly late. Not this one. Five minutes after the scheduled starting time, we were forced to park in the “back 40” of the overflow parking pasture. The air was festive, the bean bag toss set up, oyster barbecues were a-smokin’, and the booze a-flowin’.

Soon, tables were filled with taco bar fixin’s and side dishes: tomatoes, carrot slaw, Spanish rice, black beans, whitefish and Kokte’s organic home-grown beef.

The admiration that the community has for the work that these two nonprofits perform was evident. I sensed an electricity in the air, perhaps because rain – the first in some time – was forecast to begin shortly after midnight.

The lack of rain and smoky air, the result of inland wildfires, was a popular conversational thread. Emelia Berol and Carol McNeill asked me if I’d seen any unusual birds lately. “Well, considering that MacGillivray’s Warblers breed in large numbers inland,



AN ENDSUMMER NIGHT'S BARTINI! Fun a-flowin' at the Kokte Ranch.

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yet are only sparingly seen during fall migration on the coast, the one that Elias Elias and I saw yesterday on the North Spit might qualify as unusual.

“Only about 10 Macs are reported each fall along the coastal slope, but 21 birds have been spotted so far ... and it’s not even September. I wonder if they could be retreating from the fires, seeking better air quality?”

Silver Hammer, a Beatles tribute band, dug deep into the Fab Four’s songbook, encouraging even folks clutching nearly full Barntini glasses to shake their tail feathers.

As the full moon rose over the hills to the east, a photographer posed two friends to create a tableau of the women’s outstretched hands cradling the moon. Then, smiling faces aglow, they and several other friends gathered in a semicircle to admire the results.

The night was so warm, we never even thought of heading over to the fire pit or fetching our

fleece jackets from the car. Eventually, vacant splattered table cloths were all that remained of the bounty, testifying to the obvious: The people had been fed. As the crowd thinned out and the band packed up, we also decided to head for home.

That night, I decided to give the white noise machine that lulls me to sleep a break, as I wanted to be awakened by the rain. My eyes popped open at 1 a.m., and I struggled to make sense of a series of muffled sounds. Because I’ve opted for the “water flowing over cobbly streambed” setting, my initial thought was, “It’s just the machine.”

Several moments later, I realized that it was the real thing: rain percolating from gutters to downspouts. I slipped out of bed, made my way to the dining room, and stepped outside. Extending my hand beyond the eaves, I caught the droplets and freshened my face with this increasingly scarce substance.

Forty-three years in Humboldt have given me ample time to get acquainted with the rain’s various

personalities.

There’s your standard storm that yields maybe an inch of the wet stuff in a 24-hour period.

There’s the “Scottish-style moor-mist” that – while blocking out the sun for a day or three – really doesn’t pump up the yearly rainfall total much.

There’s the fierce winter sideways variety, with winds that threaten to topple trees while making a mockery of any Humboldt newbie’s delusional attempts to stay dry in a poncho.

And there’s the once-in-a-lifetime in the wake of tropical storm Pongsona that drops 2.75 inches in a day, a maelstrom that bedeviled Christmas Bird Counters on Dec. 14, 2002.

With the ongoing drought, multi-day storms seem to have become a thing of the past. Last night’s rain, although ridding our deck of the latest layer of wildfire ash-drop, yielded to clear skies the next morning.

These days, it seems that long storms are akin to a treasured friend who no longer drops in to

visit with the regularity that he or she once did. With a rockin’ El Niño forecast for this winter, maybe the storm tracks will draw a bead on Humboldt yet.

*Voicing this opinion prompted me to consult eBird data for confirmation.

The eBird online checklist program, launched in 2002 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, enables birders and ornithologists to report their sightings to a readily accessible database.

Because eBird use seemed to reach critical mass about seven years ago, I felt that a seven-year average (that started in 2008), rather than a 10-year average that would go back to 2005, would be more appropriate.

The seven-year average of MacGillivray’s Warblers on Humboldt’s coastal slope during autumn is 9.8 birds per year.

Because some individual birds may hold over for a week or more, I made a judgment call regarding which reports actually represented new individuals.

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OPINION

The government is here to help with cannabis ... what could go wrong?

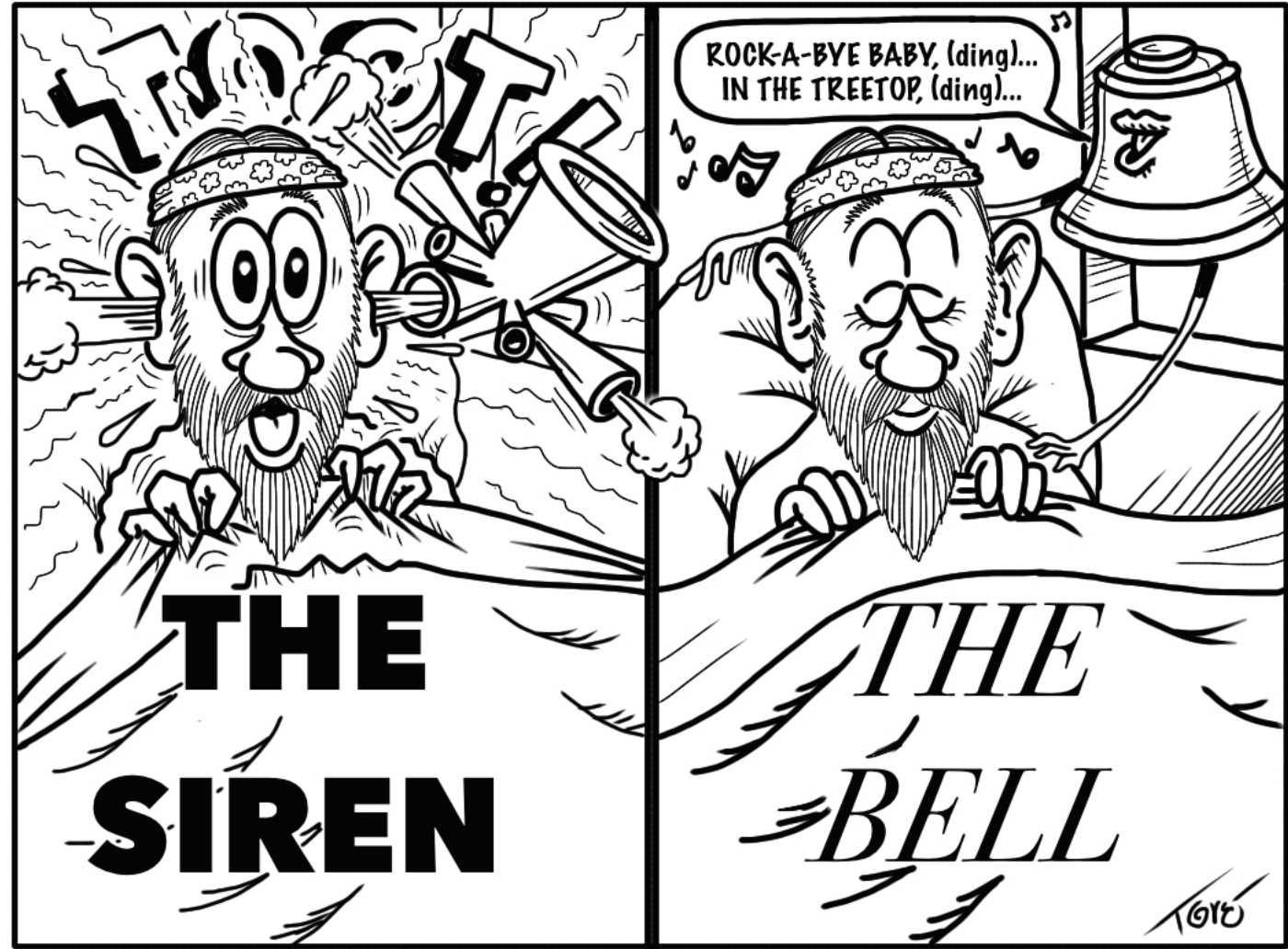
Marijuana romantics who dream that legalization will get government and law enforcement off their backs are in for a brutal awakening. Sacramento is poised to unleash a regulatory serpent that will coil like an anaconda around weed’s economy and culture — most assuredly in places like the Emerald Triangle. Indifferent to weed’s incalculable damage to the environment and to human health, the drug’s romantics, promoters, criminal hucksters and industry sycophants will deserve the government leviathan that will envelop them if voters approve legalization in November 2016.



The regulatory and enforcement crush, very costly to taxpayers, user and non-user alike, will comprise every species of local permit and state licensing fee; a seed-to-sale tracking and surveillance system; consistent and universal labeling; strict numerical limits on retail outlets; cannabis-free zones; pesticide/rodenticide/mold tests during both harvesting and processing; dosage and concentration controls; curbs on advertising and marketing to protect youth; and a major public education campaign on pot’s deleterious health effects (*Union*, Aug. 19), especially among youngsters. Humboldt agencies will have to help the state with the multi-pronged burdens of preventing diversion of marijuana products to other states, another regulatory behemoth. That includes law enforcement. Legalization will confront police with more operational burdens and taxpayers with major costs for tailored measures to combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID). Police will have to be trained as drug recognition experts who can detect impairment and conduct effective highway exams for use in prosecutions. Taxpayers will foot the bill for new research and development of roadside oral fluid sampling tests. Other studies will be essential in determining the links among consumption, impairment and crash risk when marijuana is ingested in company with alcohol and other mind-altering drugs. Lawyers and lobbyists will luxuriate in yet another big government windfall. All this will make for a highly regulated market that finally puts paid to the fatuous Republican and libertarian notion that small government will be restored one day to Sacramento or any other bloated capital. Merrily oblivious to marijuana’s regulatory portents, San Francisco produced a veridical tableau of white bourgeois narcissism last month in honor of the plant. Vain-gloriously dubbed the 420 Games (did charioteer Cynisca of Sparta and wrestler Milo of Croton toké up?), this end-

of-summer romance kicked off with a jog through Golden Gate Park in a celebration of marijuana as nostrum — never mind the respiratory diseases weed inflicts, resembling those of tobacco. No doubt the health-conscious runners, latter-day centaurs and centaurides, whooped like pagans, oblivious that the culture they apotheosize is not only an ecological catastrophe for future generations, but also a moral catastrophe for the ethical integrity of the green movement. Of course, there is nothing new about peoples and societies impaling themselves on their own drug-induced illusions and moral folly. We conspire with Big Brother to swoop down on us because we will not curb our appetites, to wit: The most nakedly drug-infested and brain-fizzed society in human history must legalize marijuana because it is running short of elixirs?!

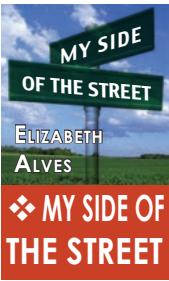
No; when it comes to drugs and money, appetite grows by what it feeds on. There are casino-like billions of filthy lucre to be made from legalization and Sacramento is rubbing its revenue-grabbing hands together in tax and regulatory glee. Meantime, the booboisie (the runners in Golden Gate Park), as H. L. Mencken rightly ridiculed us, will carry on with today’s version of *panem et circenses*, bread and circuses. “Two things are infinite,” said Einstein, “the universe and human stupidity. And I’m not sure yet about the universe.” Paul Mann is a former White House correspondent, now in the big leagues.



News item: Arcata’s “hippie alarm clock” air-raid siren gives way to gentle, soothing noontime chime, creating potential scheduling havoc.

A local judge’s profitable misjudgment

Our society continues to struggle with the ever-increasing gap between the way members are treated in similar situations. The case of a local judge offers a useful example. Humboldt County Superior Court Judge Dale Reinholtsen has been publicly admonished by the California Commission on Judicial Performance for failing to render verdicts within the statutory time limits and then lying about it in writing to collect salary payments he hadn’t earned. Online comments about the story included many defending him. They said he is a good person who was working long hours and still couldn’t keep up. They say he deserves a break, that the public should give him the benefit of the doubt. Maybe they are right. What is the difference between a criminal and a person who commits a crime? Too often, it’s age, race, gender and professional status. Reinholtsen is an older white male. He is an attorney and a judge. He had to understand the seriousness of his conduct. Yet many people are ready to give him the benefit of the doubt. Would they be so eager to excuse a young, minority male hourly worker who falsified his time card? I doubt it. Judges in California have 90 days — about three months — to reach a decision in each case. On multiple occasions from 2011 to 2014, Reinholtsen exceeded that limit by a substantial amount. In addition to many occasions when he took up to 120 days, there were cases that dragged on for 151 days, 189 days, 194 days and 209 days. He hears most of the civil cases in Humboldt County, and the



commission noted that the judges here are overworked. But it also pointed out that Reinholtsen was the presiding judge, which meant he could have assigned some of the crushing workload to other judges. To read the full report, visit cjp.ca.gov/res/docs/public_admon/Reinholtsen_Pub_Adm_09-03-15.pdf. I’m sure he didn’t feel as if it was his fault. He was working hard, but he just couldn’t keep up. He might say he didn’t have any choice. But realistically, he did have choices. He could have asked for help. He could have spread out the workload. He could have scheduled fewer cases, concentrated on them and moved them out of the queue faster. He might not have liked those choices, but they were better than the one he made. Even after rendering decisions, he sometimes delayed signing the paperwork for long periods, in one case, for more than two years. Most importantly, he could have delayed submitting his affidavits for salary payments. Instead he signed seven of them, swearing he had no cases pending longer than the 90 day limit. If a judge doesn’t turn in the affidavit, the payment is delayed, but disbursed when the cases are cleared. Instead, he lied in writing, and collected money that, under the law, he had not yet earned. Again, an hourly worker who did that would be lucky not to land in jail. The commission’s discipline is called a public admonishment, and it’s basically issuing a press release announcing he did these things and he shouldn’t do them again. As a taxpayer, how do you feel about that? Is it an acceptable stretching of the truth? Is it okay

for an “honorable” judge to play fast and loose with the facts in order to stay current on his bills? It’s true that the Crowded County courts are overcrowded, there is supposed to be state approval for two more jobs to be created. But local officials say there is no telling when the money will be available, and that it doesn’t matter, because there are no extra courtrooms. The space problem is easily solved by more efficient use of existing space. Several of the courtrooms stand empty most of the afternoon. Most jury trials are only in session a few hours a day, which is a major inconvenience for jurors, especially if they must travel an hour or more one way to the courthouse. Running those trials full time would get them over faster and make better use of the existing space, benefiting everyone. A lot of people were furious about the number of plea bargains negotiated under the previous district attorney, but every trial eats up time, money and resources. That needs to be part of the discussion when it comes to accepting or rejecting deals. Can we afford to take more cases to trial, and would it necessarily improve the justice of the outcomes? I just can’t help wondering how Reinholtsen reacts when a defendant testifies “it wasn’t my fault,” or “I had no choice” but to break the law. Does he remember signing those affidavits? Does he see the similarities between his own actions and those of the people before him? Elizabeth Alves notes that many online commenters described Reinholtsen as a chronic procrastinator. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.

Housing here and there

For weeks now, thousands of people have been fleeing the wars in Syria and Yemen. The news has been full of reports of boats full of men, women and children running for their lives from bombings and constant armed conflict. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, have drowned. One report characterized it as the largest refugee crisis since World War II. In that crisis, it was Europeans fleeing the onslaught of German and Italian armies. Remember the movie? Casablanca was full of Europeans trying to get beyond the reach of the fascists. Now the shoe is on the other foot. Syrians are desperately trying to reach Germany. One report said that some refugees were carrying pictures of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. At the same time, the good Chancellor was explaining to a refugee girl who had made it to Germany that she wouldn’t be allowed to stay. Germany isn’t alone in not wanting refugees in their country. The U.S. isn’t keen on the idea, either. The Greeks, on the other hand, haven’t enough for their own citizens but they have been providing food and shelter to the refugees. The Macedonians have reacted more like the folks in Texas and Arizona who want to build a wall to keep the Central American refugees out. The Hungarian government didn’t want the refugees either, but the refugees took matters into their own hands and started walking to Austria where they were welcomed with water and food. At the same time, The U.S., which as you may know is the



world’s leading exporter of weapons of mass disruption, agreed to send more bombs to the Saudis to aid them in their destruction of Yemen, a little county where there was a taste of Arab Spring some time back. Remember the Arab Spring? And the U.S. also continues to provide our favorite Syrian faction with what they need to keep the war going. I’m not sure what the thinking is there. Perhaps they hope to kill so many people there won’t be anyone left to flee. Problem solved. Here at home, the Eureka City Council considered a plan to require that all the homeless remove themselves and their property from the Palco Marsh. Oddly, it was presented as a new strategy to deal with homelessness, a way to solve the homeless problem without actually providing a home. The homeless are economic refugees displaced by economic policies cooked up by Maggie Thatcher and her buddy Ron. The homeless are the collateral damage from a deliberate transfer of wealth to the top. Like the Austrians who went out to greet the fleeing Syrians, enough sensible Eureka citizens turned out for the Eureka City Council meeting to put the “new” homeless policy on hold until a way is found to give everyone a legal place to live. Now, if we could just stop the constant bombing of Syria and Yemen. Mary Ella Anderson notes that her country has been engaged in almost constant warfare all her life and by all measures nothing good has come of it.

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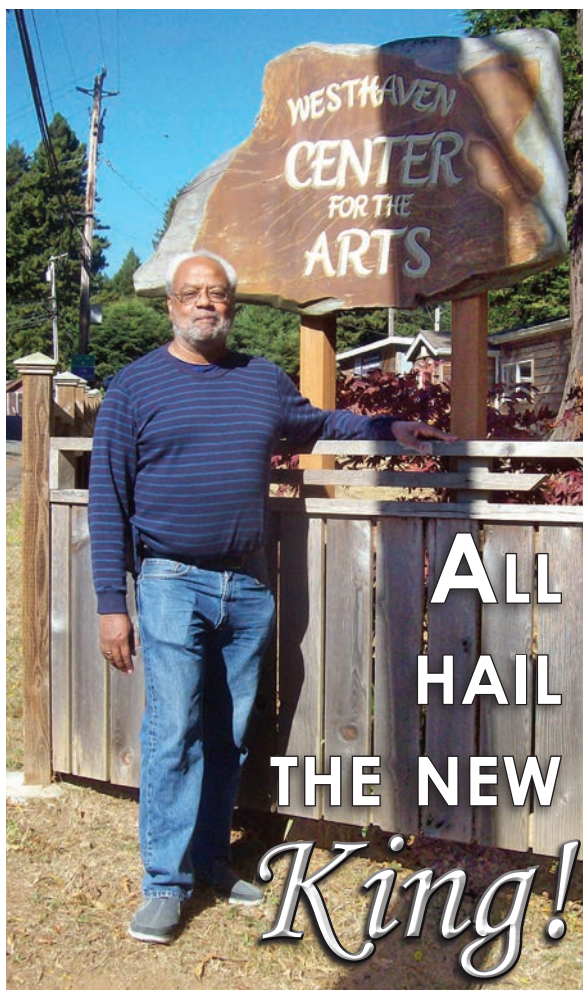


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MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – He was new in town and was just out for an innocent glass of wine at Moonstone Crossing in Trinidad. There, he fell into a conversation with two Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA) volunteers. Kathy Reid, a WCA board member, gave him a monthly calendar and invited him to a concert and an art opening.

Now he's taking yoga classes at the center and volunteering as its new executive director.

Roy King has the background to manage an art center, and the skills.

Originally from Nashville, Tenn., King minored in Asian art history in college. He earned a doctorate in mathematics from Cornell, an M.D. from Stanford and an M. Div. from the Pacific School of Religion. He taught psychiatry at Stanford for 29 years but has always included the

VIVE LE ROY! Psychiatrist, mathematician, art historian, therapist, blogger, author and dog walker Dr. Roy King can now add "executive director of the Westhaven Center for the Arts" to his already-impressive resumé.

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arts, yoga therapy and archaeology in his scientific research and publications.

He is also trained as a Unitarian Universalist minister and writes a blog about spirituality and the arts (mediterraneanwisdom.blogspot.com). He's been active in nonprofits such as City Arts of San Mateo.

He is truly a Renaissance man.

King started coming to the area, moonlighting with Humboldt County Mental Health, ten years ago. "I fell in love with the place," he said.

He now lives in McKinleyville with his wife, Rebecca Forrest, and their Yorkie, Bentley. The three can often be found at the Hiller dog park.

He's working on some new ideas for the center, including hosting OLLI classes and holding a juried show for middle school and high school artists.

Nick Frank, a Trinidad resident and treasurer of the WCA "since forever," he said, is thrilled at King's arrival on the scene.

"I'm delighted to see a community-spirited, intelligent person join up with our organization for the benefit of the community," said Frank.

Westhaven Center for the Arts offers art classes for both adults and children, is an active venue for musical performanc-

es and has rotating shows by area artists. Tai Chi, yoga and other classes are also held in the space with its many windows to the redwoods. It's a non-profit center and, as many area non-profits must do, is always fundraising for the costs of keeping its doors open.

King has already signed up for a fundraising class offered locally. He's been a great help with the annual paperwork necessary to keep the center's nonprofit status.

"I'm really excited to have such an experienced and kind man joining us," said Debbie Dew, the center's interim director. Dew has been the glue that keeps the center together for a long time; now that King is here, she can go back to her first love, leading children's art workshops.

"They are our future artists," she said.

"If there were a single phrase summarizing my philosophy toward the arts," wrote King in his application letter, "it would be 'Art heals: art heals the individual and art heals communities.'"

Come meet the man at a potluck at WCA on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. The center is located at 501 S. Westhaven Dr., two miles south of Trinidad. For more information on the potluck, call (707) 834-2479. westhavencenter.org



ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM A selection of Reuben Mayes' art is on exhibit at Ramone's in the McKinleyville Shopping Center throughout September. Mayes will be on site Sunday Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with cards, prints, originals and T-shirts. Art cards of some of Mayes' paintings will be available including "Day In LA," above left, and "Geneva Good Spicy," above right.

McK art night is back!

MCKINLEYVILLE – McKinleyville Art Night is back this Friday, Sept. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Join in the community's celebration of local art and artists for music, food and fun at the following venues. Sites marked with an asterisk (*) will not be open arts night, but will have artwork displayed during the month of September.

Blake's Books 2005 Central Ave. – Silk scarves, shawls and paintings by artist-in-residence Tina Gleave.

California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport – View artwork by Humboldt County artists at the long-term exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association.

***Cloney's Pharmacy** McKinleyville Shopping Center – Work in a variety of media by a number of artists.

McKinleyville Family Resource Center 1450 Hiller Rd. – Bring your family out to a night of art and fun with special activities from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come prepared for a fun night for children of all ages.

North Coast Frozen Yogurt McKinleyville Shopping Center – Earl Stevens shows a collection of intarsia wood work.

***Ramone's Bakery & Café** McKinleyville Shopping Center – Works by abstract expressionist Reuben T. Mayes.

McKinleyville Art Night continues to be the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of our local artists. For more information, contact coordinator Taffy Stockton at (707) 834-6460. Find more information about the artists and venues and see additional images at mckinleyvilleartsnight.com.

Triple header at Arcata Playhouse

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

CREAMERY DISTRICT – The Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., is back in full swing for fall with a well-seasoned selection of musical guests over the course of three days.

Wake the Dead on Saturday

It all starts this Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m., when celtic music meets the Grateful Dead with Wake the Dead.

As an expression of cultural joy, you can't top an Irish wake. And what is a wake but a celebration – a toast of appreciation – an expression of love – and a damn good party?



WAKE THE DEAD Celtic music meets the Grateful Dead on Saturday.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

So when seven top Bay Area musicians realized they shared as deep a love for the songs of the Grateful Dead as they did for traditional Celtic tunes, some brand-new music sprang up and started partying.

Wake the Dead is a romp that flows seamlessly from rock grooves to hot Irish reels, and from haunting airs to achingly beautiful melodies familiar to Deadheads everywhere: "Sugaree" in waltz time, bracketed by an ancient harp tune and infused with a poignant Celtic longing; "Bertha" thundering out of "China Cat" on a mandolin tidal wave; the eerie lilt of the uilleann pipes, giving a glow to "Bird Song" as if it was always meant to be there.

Wake the Dead bands together seven of the best-known and most respected players in the west: harper Maureen Brennan, bassist Cindy Browne, singer, fiddler and fretman Danny Carnahan, dance fiddler, pennywhistler, and Irish piper par excellence Kevin Carr, vocalist Sylvia Herold, Paul Kotapish on guitar and mandolin and percussionist Brian Rice.

Front Country on Sunday

Front Country, the award-winning progressive bluegrass and Americana six-piece band, plays on Sunday, Sept. 20. In addition to some very hot players the group features past Humboldt resident and performer Melody Walker and her partner Jacob Groopman.

Front Country formed in 2011 as a collective of the Bay Area's finest young acoustic talent playing a monthly gig



FRONT COUNTRY Sunday at the Playhouse features bluegrass and Americana.

PHOTO BY ROBERT PERRY

with friends in San Francisco. They quickly found a musical rapport that was open to challenging arrangements, unique covers and original songwriting. Since then they have continued to expand their repertoire and push the boundaries of bluegrass on the national scene.

Musette Explosion on Monday

Jazz accordionist Will Holshouser, who was last seen performing with sax man Michael Moore as part of the Redwood Jazz Alliance series, brings his band Musette Explosion to town on Monday, Sept. 21.



MUSETTE EXPLOSION Monday is for the French musette trio playing original tunes.

PHOTO BY GREGG RICHARDS

The band is a trio from New York that plays French musette and some original music, bringing this multicultural dancehall music to new places through improvisation and original compositions. This may be the only accordion/guitar/tuba trio ever to spend a week on *Billboard's* "Jazz Album" charts.

Times & tix

Doors for all these shows open at 7:30 p.m. with music starting at 8 p.m. Tickets for each show are \$15/\$13 for Playhouse and Humboldt Folklife Society members. Tickets are available at Wildberries Marketplace or at brownpapertickets.com. (707) 822-1575, arcataplayhouse.org

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CALENDAR	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	7 p.m. <i>Fresh</i> (2009)	8 p.m. • <i>The Big Lebowski</i> (1998)		5:30 p.m. <i>Monsters, Inc.</i> (2001)	7:20 p.m. • Monday Night Football	
	Blondies Food & Drink 420 E. California Ave., Arcata	7 p.m. Buddy Reed	7 p.m. Open Mic Night			7 p.m. Jazz Night	7 p.m. Quiz Night	7 p.m. • Human Expression Night
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake	9 p.m. SunSquabi	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Miracle Show	9 p.m. Nighthawk	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. Dr. Squid	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9 p.m. Old 97's		9:30 p.m. Sean Hayes Trio	9 p.m. Soul Night #46			
	Jambalaya 915 H St., Arcata	10 p.m. • Whomp Whomp Wednesday	9:30 p.m. • '80s Night with DJ Red	10 p.m. Naive Melodies	10 p.m. Little Kidd Lost	10 p.m. Sundaze		8 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. • Brian Post & Susie Laraine	7 p.m. Jim Silva			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake		9 p.m. General Mojo	9 p.m. Kindred Spirits	9 p.m. • Talk Like a Pirate Day celebration	6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake		6 p.m. • Compost Mountain Boys	6 p.m. The UnderCovers	6 p.m. Free Rain			6 p.m. The Yokels
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. USGGO		8 p.m. The P-Town Freaks		7 p.m. Bingo	7 p.m. • La Musique Diabolique
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass jam	9 p.m. June Brothers		8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	

PINTS FOR NONPROFITS Bend an elbow for Arcata Chamber of Commerce, when \$1 from every beer sold all day today, Sept. 16 at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, benefits this fine organization.

SCI-FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT See *The Gorgon* (1964) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways today, Sept. 16 at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. A small German town falls prey to an unseen monster that turns its victims into lifeless statues... Out of Hammer Studios, this film features British horror mainstays Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing side by side. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

FUTURE FUNK The future funk of SunSquabi comes live to Blue Lake Casino’s Wave Lounge, 777 Casino Way, today, Sept. 16. Opener Liquid Cactus starts at 9 p.m., SunSquabi plays until 1 a.m., and it’s all free.

McK FARMERS’ MARKET Get your fresh local vegetables, fruits and flowers straight from the farmer, plus enjoy barbecue, pizza and live music Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Safeway Shopping Plaza on Central Avenue.

LOCAL FOOD MONTH Locally Delicious presents *FRESH, the Movie* followed by a discussion Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. *FRESH* tells the stories of real people, connecting audiences not with facts and figures or apocalyptic policy analysis, but with examples of personal initiative and concrete ways to engage in a new food model. Donations will support Locally Delicious Community Grants for local projects that expand local, fresh, organic food for all. *locally-delicious.org*, (707) 407-0047

WISH YOU WERE HERE Enjoy a postcard tour of Humboldt County with local historian Jerry Rohde at the Clarke Museum, 240 E St., Eureka, on Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Over 40 images will be shown and discussed. All are welcome to attend.

ARCATA MARKET The Arcata Farmers’ Market convenes on I Street this Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE RIDE & DRIVE Thinking about an electric vehicle? Experience the excitement as you get behind the wheel

of one of several electric vehicles provided by local car dealerships on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. Find out what current drivers love about their EVs, and get information on charging options and incentives. Food and children’s activities will be available, ride a Zero Emission Vehicle Shuttle from the North Country Fair to the event (drop off and pick up in front of Arcata City Hall). (707) 269-1700

BOOK SALE Join the Friends of the Arcata Library (FOAL) for their Fall Book Sale, Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Arcata Library Conference Room, 500 Seventh St., east of City Hall. Hot items this season include a large selection of DVDs and recent popular genre fiction, plus classics and children’s books. Current FOAL members are invited to come for the presale at 9:30 a.m.; membership may be obtained or renewed at the door. (707) 822-5954

NORTH COUNTRY FAIR Celebrate the 42nd year of the North Country Fair, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Observe the equinox and the change of seasons with around 200 craft, food, and information booths, two parades, two stages and a lawn performance area. Dance in the Samba Parade on Saturday at 1 p.m. with Samba de Alegria, and march in the All-Species Parade with Synapsis, Bandemonium and the Northcoast Environmental Center on Sunday at 1 p.m.

ALL AGES HIP HOP Bay Area hit artist IAMSU and local heavy weights Hiway and Green R Fieldz bring you a packed night of great hip hop Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. Admission to this all-ages event is \$30.

ROCK THE BLOCK Enjoy free food, giant games, face painting, bounce houses, dunk tank and live music, fun for the whole family at the giant community block party following National Back to Church Sunday, Sept. 20 starting at 10:45 a.m. at Campbell Creek Connexion, corner of Union and 13th streets in Arcata

WINE & JAZZ Experience the soulful sound of vocalist Paula Jones with the RLA Trio on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Jones, one of the premier soloists with the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, performs regularly with the RLA Trio, a collection of three of the top jazz players

in the area: pianist Tim Randles, drummer Mike LaBolle and bassist Bobby Amirkhan. Wine and Jazz is included with regular admission to the Morris Graves: \$5/\$2 seniors and students with ID/free for museum members and children under 17.

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL Tony Roach plays the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, Sunday, Sept. 20 at 5 p.m.

SPIRITUAL SPAGHETTI The Eureka Center for Spiritual Living invites the community to its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 239 Buhne St., Eureka. There will be a choice of gluten-free or regular noodles, meatballs, non-tomato sauce or vegetarian sauce, all served with salad, garlic bread, desert and a beverage. Dinner is served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the auctions will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10/\$5 for children 12 and under and includes a door prize ticket. (707) 443-5743

STATE OF MARRIAGE The state of marriage in America will be explored at Lifetree Café on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. The program, “Is Marriage Obsolete? Why More People Are Saying I Don’t” will examine the declining marriage rate and the underlying causes of the trend. Lifetree Café is a free conversation café with snacks and beverages on the corner of Union and 13th streets in Arcata. *lifetreecafe.com*, (707) 672-2919

LOCAVORES’ DELIGHT Find fresh vegetables and fruit from local producers, food vendors, plant starts and flowers every Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Wildberries Marketplace’s Farmers’ Market, 747 13th St., Arcata. (707) 822-0095



JAZZ, MAN Westhaven Center for the Arts’ popular jazz series hosted by the RLA Trio features guest artist Russ Thallheimer this Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Thallheimer is “probably the most technical and innovative saxophonist in the area,” according to piano man Tim Randles, the R in RLA Trio. “He’s always reaching to play his way outside of the box.” Thallheimer is a graduate of the Berklee School of Music in Boston and currently plays locally with the band Scuber Mountain. It will be a night of original compositions by RLA Trio and Thallheimer. Admission is on a sliding scale of \$5 to \$10. Refreshments will be sold. Westhaven Center is located at 501 S. Westhaven Dr. (707) 677-9493, westhavencenters.org

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Central Avenue East:

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Special Event: Bring your family out to a night
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Central Avenue West:

*RAMONE'S BAKERY & CAFÉ
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Reuben T. Mayes: abstract expressionist

*CLONEY'S PHARMACY
(McKinleyville Shopping Center)
Various Artists: art work in a variety of media

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FROZEN YOGURT
(McKinleyville Shopping Center)
Earl Stevens: Wood, showing a collection of
"Intarsia" work

McKinleyville
Art Night!

Sites marked with an * will not be open arts night,
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Meet the artists during McKinleyville Art Night!
McKinleyville Art Night continues to be the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses
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Get out your calendars

From farce to folk tales at Ferndale Rep

FERNDALE REPERTORY THEATRE
FERNDALE – Ferndale Repertory Theatre’s 2015-2016 season opens in October with the delicious high-flying sex farce *Boeing-Boeing* by French playwright Marc Camoletti. It’s the 1960s and swinging bachelor Bernard couldn’t be happier: a flat in Paris and three gorgeous stewardesses all engaged to him without each other’s knowledge... The show runs Oct. 8 through 25.

Little Women, the Broadway Musical runs throughout the holiday season. Based on Louisa May Alcott’s beloved novel, this delightful musical is written by Jason Howland, Mindi Dickstein and Allan Knee. In a time of war and sacrifice, Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth March, guided by their mother Marmee, grow from girls into women, experiencing romance and courtship, illness and loss, loving and letting go along the way. *Little Women* runs Nov. 25 through Dec. 20.

Kicking off 2016 is the groundbreaking Brecht-Weill work *The Threepenny Opera*, produced in partnership with the Arcata Playhouse. Performances will be at the Arcata Playhouse from Feb. 5 to 14 and at Ferndale Rep. from Feb. 19 to 28.

Next up will be an adults-only theatrical experience, *Bat Boy: The Musical*, inspired by a series of 1992 headlines in the tabloid *The Weekly World News*. *Bat Boy* provides a compelling theatrical metaphor for the dangers of prejudice and provincialism; the blood, guts and occasional implied sex mean the kids should sit this one out. This campy extravaganza runs April 14 to May 8, 2016.

Closing the 2015-2016 season will be *The White Snake*, by Mary Zimmerman. Directed by Catherine L. Brown, this beautiful Chinese folk tale will give Ferndale Rep. scenic designer Ray Gutierrez a great opportunity to showcase his considerable talents. Performances run from June 16 to July 10, 2016.

Season ticket prices range from \$25-\$76 for all five productions at fern-dalerep.org or by calling (707) 786-5483.

Rumors, radio & reefer madness at NCRT

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE
EUREKA – The North Coast Repertory Theatre (NCRT) begins its 32nd season with the comedy *Rumors* by Neil Simon. See the full story at right.

The season continues with *It’s A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, opening in November. The action takes place in a 1940s radio station as this beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live radio broadcast. Five actors perform the dozens of characters in the radio play as well as produce the sound effects that make this story of idealistic George Bailey unfold as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

In January 2016, NCRT produces the musical comedy *Das Barbecu*, a version of Wagner’s *Ring Cycle* spun as a witty Texas fable with five actors playing more than 30 outrageous characters at break-neck speed. Songs run the gamut from Broadway to Texas swing, from jazz to twangy country and western.

NCRT continues its tradition of presenting Shakespeare every season with *The Comedy Of Errors*. Two sets of identical twins cause a series of wild cases of mistaken identities leading to wrongful beatings, a near-seduction and false accusations of infidelity, theft, madness and demonic possession.

Don’t miss the Humboldt County premiere of *Reefer Madness, The Musical* which runs in May and June. Inspired by the original 1936 film of the same name, this raucous musical comedy examines the power and abuse of propaganda in the United States.

The NCRT season will conclude in August with *Moon Over Buffalo* by Ken Ludwig, centering on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s and their hopes for one last shot at stardom and its hilarious consequences.

More info about the season and a printable season ticket order form are available at ncrt.net. For reservations for shows, call (707) 442-NCRT (6278).



MEET THE BICKERSONS Caroline McFarland as Cassie and Saúl Tellez as Glenn, one of the many conflicted couples in NCRT’s production of *Rumors*. SUBMITTED PHOTO

NCRT spreads Rumors

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE
EUREKA – The North Coast Repertory Theatre (NCRT) begins its 32nd season with the comedy *Rumors* by Neil Simon.

At a large, tastefully appointed Sneden’s Landing townhouse, the deputy mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though it’s only a flesh wound, the host lies bleeding, his wife is nowhere in sight, and friends are gathering to celebrate the couple’s 10th wedding anniversary. Lawyer Ken and wife Chris must get the story straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

The production is directed by Gene Cole. “Neil Simon reminds us of what our mothers told us,” said Cole, “Don’t tell fibs because you always get caught, jumping to conclusions only gets you in trouble.” The show is recommended for high school age and older.

Rumors opens on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. with an opening night gala that includes a champagne reception after the show. This performance is also a benefit for the cast and crew. All seats for opening night are \$16. The performance on Saturday, Sept. 19 benefits the Humboldt Literacy Project; tickets are \$20.

Regular ticket prices of \$16/\$13 for students and seniors begin on Friday, Sept. 18. The run continues Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 10. There will be one additional regular Thursday performance on Oct. 8. All evening performances begin at 8 p.m. There will be two matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4.

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It's not quite fall yet, but Autumn has arrived with her four 8-week-old kittens – Maple, Breezy, Pumpkin and Apple. Autumn and her family were only recently picked up from Animal Control, and already they are stealing the hearts of everyone at Companion Animal Foundation. Any one of these cats – Mamma Autumn included – would make the perfect pet for someone. Maybe that someone is you!

As always, the animals at Companion Animal Foundation must be spayed or neutered before going to their new homes, but they are available for visiting and playing at our Arcata location, 88 Sunny Brae Center, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And don't forget to pick up your VIP (Very Important Pusycat) tickets for the Alley Cat Cabaret & Purriesque, brought to you by J Bella Entertainment. This cat-tastic event on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8 p.m. to midnight, will feature entertainment from all over Northern California, a silent auction and much more. Presale tickets can be found at Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata, The Works and Good Relations in Eureka, Blue Moon in Garberville or at brownpaperticket.com. This is a charity benefit for Companion Animal foundation, so you get to have fun and help the animals!

FAB AUCTION Oysters & Ale & More to benefit Humboldt Made on Friday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Woodley Island Marina will feature a live auction with Rex Bohn featuring birding and fly-fishing expeditons; a wild game dinner; tours of Fire & Light, Sun Valley Floral Farm, Lost Coast Brewery and oyster producers; Natural Decadence cooking class and dinner; private beer and food pairing at Six Rivers Brewery; a stay at the Benbow Inn; live art by Matt Beard and more. Tickets to this 21 and over event are \$30 at Wildberries Marketplace and Eureka Natural Foods or humboldtmadeoystersandale.brownpapertickets.com.

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ACROSS

1. Words of mild surprise

4. Muslim leader's title

7. Suspenders alternative

11. Black chunks

13. City on the Brazos River

15. Zone

16. Classic TV couple

19. Doctor's accessory

20. Homesteaders

21. Chip accompaniment

23. Hard-to-find shoe width

24. State whose flower is the orange blossom: abbr.

27. Discourage through fear

30. Play area

34. Mountainous island

36. Unrelaxed

38. Big name in literature

39. Cousteau, for one

40. Insect

41. Fall back into bad habits

43. Appomattox figure

44. Lazybones

46. Sent in one's 1040

47. Made furious

49. Actor Rob

51. Man's nickname

52. "I think, therefore ____"

54. Added wing

56. Hard to understand

61. Vital vessels

66. Long-running TV series

68. ____ vera

69. Word after road or ring

70. Fork parts

71. Raise

72. Former Sov. division

73. RR depot

DOWN

1. Seep

2. Mist

3. Piece of paper

4. Oat fiber

5. Wanders about idly

6. Prolonged pain

7. Cereal

8. U.S. lake

9. Sly look

10. Operates a ____ hand shuttle

11. Corn on the ____

12. Beginning

14. Western movies

17. Lacking moisture

18. Hwy.

22. Daisy parts

24. Chicken: var.

25. Embankment

26. Polished off

28. Religious belief

29. Beef Wellington or ____ Duckling a l'Orange

31. Granny Smith, for one

32. Kennedy and others

33. Act

34. 451

35. Assam silkworm

37. Little fellow

42. Feel poorly

45. Hesitates due to doubts

48. In a ____; confused

50. Dish made from a raw vegetable

53. "____ You Lonesome Tonight?"

55. Irretrievable

56. In the distance

57. Bundle hay

58. Greek portico

59. Sporting equipment

60. Finishes

62. Batters' stats.

63. Camp shelter

64. Bewildered

65. James and John: abbr.

67. Poet's contraction

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Tribute to teacher & student success

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HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Office of Education has launched the Every Day Counts campaign to promote the importance of regular school attendance and to engage communities to reduce chronic absence.

The start of a new school year is the time to build awareness about the connection between attendance and school success. The message behind the campaign is that children will learn and succeed in the classroom when we remove barriers to attendance, establish good attendance patterns, and celebrate successes in punctual and improved attendance. Attendance also improves when schools closely monitor chronic absence and engage in personalized outreach and support to students.

The first month of school is important because it forms habits that will continue to set a foundation for the rest of the year. "The biggest thing about regular attendance in the first month is that it sows the seeds for connection," said Georgeanne Fulstone-Pucillo, principal of Alice Birney School. "Habits form slowly but they form one step at a time, one day at a time, and one student at a time."

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Jenny Bowen at (707) 445-7767 or jbowen@humboldt.k12.ca.us.

Anna Som is Teacher of the Year
Anna Som, a middle school math teacher with McKinleyville Union School District, has been named Humboldt County Teacher of the Year. Som was honored by the Humboldt County Board of Education during its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

"Anna is an energetic teacher who cares deeply about her students," said Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Garry Eagles. "We are thrilled to have her represent Humboldt County as our nominee for California's State Teacher of the Year."

"I love my job for so many reasons including never knowing what lessons students will teach me that day," Som said. "I am amazed on a daily basis at their willingness to get excited about math and I strive to bring before them a passionate, enthusiastic, and authentic teacher. My goals are

that by the end of our year together my kids are inspired by mathematics, feel confident and prepared to enter high school, and are more capable of being compassionate, successful, and contributing members in our society."

Som has been teaching in the McKinleyville Union School District for three years and has primarily taught mathematics for the last 12 years. She has been a participant in the Humboldt Interdisciplinary STEM Initiative (HISI) grant and col-



Teacher of the Year Anna Som

laborating with their science department on lesson development. She has been the recipient and implementer of Technology in the Classrooms grant in addition to creating and implementing an Honors Math enrichment program. She was also recognized by McKinleyville Middle School students as the "Nicest Teacher of the Year" award in 2014.

Som holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Women's Studies from Regis University and a Masters in Science in Mathematics Education from Oregon State University. In 2015, Som was the recipient of a Humboldt County Excellence in Teaching Award.

As Humboldt County Teacher of the Year, Som will represent the county as its nominee for 2015-16 California Teacher of the Year. The California Department of Education is expected to announce its selections for State Teacher of the Year in November.

College & Career Night

Northcoast Cal-SOAP (Student Opportunity and Access Program) of the Humboldt County Office of Ed-

ucation announced an exciting and important local educational event for high school students and parents. The 32nd annual Humboldt County College & Career Night is Wednesday, Sept. 23 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Eureka High School Auditorium at 1915 J St.

College & Career Night is designed for ninth through 12th grade students and their parents who want to learn more about preparing for and applying to colleges, universities and trade schools. Last year over 1,000 people attended this event. More than 40 public and private college, university and trade school recruiters will be in attendance to provide information and answer questions regarding admission requirements, tuition, housing, academic options and campus life.

The evening will include 15 different workshops specifically designed for freshmen and sophomores to start thinking about their "life after high school" plan now, as well as advanced presentations for juniors and seniors. Workshops include College Planning Guidance, Financial Aid and Scholarships, CSU/UC/Community College Overviews, NCAA Eligibility, Career Technical Education and Apprenticeship Programs and more.

For more information, contact Cal-SOAP Program Director Cindy Porter at (707) 441-3973 or at cporter@humboldt.k12.ca.us or visit humboldt.k12.ca.us and decadeofdifference.org/go-beyond/college-night.php.

CAN IT! UC Cooperative Extension Humboldt holds a canning workshop on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agriculture Center, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka. UC Master Food Preserver volunteers and Deborah Giraud will teach both pressure canning and water bath canning. Three recipes will be prepared, high acid and low acid foods. Food for canning will be provided. Bring your own wide mouth pint and half-pint jars with new lids, six of each. Cost is \$30. Register online at ucanr.edu/canningworkshop919, call (707) 445-7351, or send your name, address, email, and phone information to lacannafax@ucanr.edu.

A blooming Meadow and a big Winwin

Redwood Pals Rescue has a special one to highlight this week. Our Miss Meadow is a lovely young dog. She was very shy at the shelter and went home with one of our valued volunteers to see if we could help her come out of her shell.

Meadow has bloomed! Her fosterers says she is by far the easiest dog that they have ever fostered.

Meadow is a little shy around new people (and the occasional scary log or seaweed mound) but overcomes that quickly when shown that she is safe. She loves other dogs and plays well with dogs of all ages and sizes. Meadow is also great with cats. She would like to play with them if they are willing, but leaves them alone if they are not.

Meadow has been working on her obedience commands and has mastered quite a few. Off-leash, she stays near her people.

Her foster reports that she has some unique characteristics: "She's what I call the B-team athlete, enthusiastic but not very naturally athletic. She loves to have a good time but has

uncontrollable jumps, and slides when she takes too quick of a turn. She loves chasing water out of the garden hose. Playgrounds are one of her favorite things; she'll go all over them, including down huge slides, and have a ball.

"She has a vengeance for vacuums and brooms (but can be called off). She likes swimming but she's so enthusiastic going into the water that her own splashes startle her. She likes a game of fetch but knows when the game is done and won't incessantly bring her toys to you (one of my favorite things about her). I had a dog like her growing up, and that dog had a huge impact on my life. I'd love for her to go to a family with a young(ish) kid for her to be the same for them. She's a special dog."

Please contact Redwood Pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707) 839-9692 to meet this gorgeous gal.

WinWin is currently the biggest dog at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. At 85 to 90 pounds, he is truly a gentle giant. Our

volunteers (including our senior volunteers) have commented on how nice and easy he is to walk and what a sweet fellow he is.

Winwin gets along well with other dogs and is always easy-going. He has met children out in the play yard and has been very good with them – always gentle and conscious of their whereabouts. In fact, we thought a family was going to adopt him after they came back three times to visit him, but as of press time, he was still available.

Winwin is ready to go for a good walk or equally happy to lounge in the sunshine, depending on what is on the day's agenda. He appreciates petting, brushing and treats and knows several obedience commands.



Winwin



be a good match for a home with other small critters, as earlier owners seem to have encouraged the wrong kinds of behaviors towards cats.

Winwin is about five years old, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. He is guesstimated to be a mix of Pit Bull Terrier and Mastiff. To meet this big, gentle boy, stop in at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. The shelter is open Monday through Friday. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

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HISTORY & MYTHOLOGY Video still from *Folly Gardens* by Nicole Antebi at CR's Art Gallery starting Sept. 28.

College of the Redwoods roundup

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS
EUREKA – The fall bustle of activity at College of the Redwoods is going strong, with both educational and cultural offerings in the second half of September.

ServSafe Certification

College of the Redwoods offers a local one-day ServSafe Certification Class on Tuesday, Sept. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at CR's Downtown Instruction Site at 525 D St., Eureka. ServSafe Certification is valued by restaurants and other locations serving food as they are required to have ServSafe certified people on their staff.

Participants will learn to properly and safely prepare, handle and serve food for restaurants, cafés, shops and any establishments that serve food and drinks. Topics include the importance of food safety, personal hygiene, time and temperature control, preventing cross-contamination, cleaning and sanitizing, receiving and storing food, methods of thawing, cooking, cooling and reheating food, food safety regulations and more.

Participants who pass the examination will receive ServSafe Food Manager's certification from the National Restaurant Association. ServSafe certification is valid for five years.

Register at least a week ahead of class to allow time to read the textbook before attending class. The class size is limited, so early registration is recommended. The fee for this class is \$175, and includes the textbook, instructor-led class and the Certification Exam. For more information and to register, call (707) 476-4500 or visit redwoods.edu/departments/community-ed/servsafe.asp.

Transfer Day event

Representatives from many of the California State University, University of California, California private and out-of-state colleges will be at the CR Eureka campus on Wednesday, Sept. 23 for the annual Transfer Day event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CR cafeteria.

Campus representatives will be available to meet with students interested in receiving information about their colleges. This will be the only time that many of the universities will send a representative to CR, so students are encouraged to attend. Participants include Brooks Institute, Eastern Oregon University, Grand Canyon University, Humboldt State University, Mills College, National University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University-Cascades, Sacramento State University, Sierra Nevada College, Simpson University, Southern Oregon University, Union Institute and University, University of California-Berkeley, University of California-Davis, University of California-Santa Cruz, and Willamette University.

No appointments are necessary. Contact the CR Transfer Center at (707) 476-4146 for more information.

Video exhibit

The College of the Redwoods Art Gallery will present an exhibition titled "Animistic Thinking and Landscape: Videos about California History and Mythology" by Brooklyn-based interdisciplinary artist Nicole Antebi from Sept. 28 to Nov. 5.

This exhibition features an installation of three animated experimental documentary videos with accompanying drawings, paintings, sculptural models and handmade books. Antebi works in non-fiction animation, motion graphics, and installation, and as an artist describes herself as "a student of magical thinking and landscape."

Her meticulously researched, hand-drawn video animations deftly blend both the fictional and the historical in describing distinct narratives about California history and ecology, including a story about the ceremonious arrival of the invasive eucalyptus tree in California, the history of the Sunol and Pulgas Water Temples in the San Francisco Bay Area, and also a curious legend surrounding William Mulholland — the controversial figure who brought water to the Los Angeles Basin in 1913. Antebi's work is mysterious, engaging, and compelling for its level of historical accuracy, and also fascinating for its careful unearthing of some of California's long-buried historical narratives and myths.

Antebi will give a free public lecture about her work from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20 in CA 139 in the Creative Arts Complex on the Eureka campus, with a reception in the Art Gallery to immediately follow.

Gallery hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 5 p.m., Wednesdays 9 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (707) 476-4559 or visit redwoods.edu/departments/art/gallery/.

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OUTSTANDING Recipients of Trinidad's Outstanding Design Awards include, top row, Windan Sea (Outstanding Retail Store and Landscaping), Trinidad Museum (Outstanding Native Plant Garden), 543 Ocean (Outstanding Exterior Remodel); far left, 475 Wagner St. (Outstanding Coastal Garden) and, left, Harbor Moon (Outstanding Vacation Dwelling). TOP CENTER PHOTO COURTESY JILL MEFFORD; ALL OTHERS BY JASON RICHIE

Trinidad salutes good work, talent and effort

Trinidad City Council presented Outstanding Design Awards at last week's council meeting in

an effort, as Mayor Fulkerson put it, to recognize good work, talent and effort of Trinidad's residents, households and businesses that best achieve high standards of design, enhance the visual appearance of the village and improve first impressions of visitors. Seven awards were presented in a slide show prepared by City Clerk Gabriel Adams with photographs by Jason Richie. A committee of five appointed by the council nominated the selections.

The attractive new nautical-themed Saunders Plaza sign installation on Main Street, designed by Richard Betournay of Expo Art Signs and sponsored by the Saunders family, was given the "Outstanding Commercial Signage" award.

Across the street, Windan Sea, owned by Lore Snell, Casey Van Alten and Barbara Snell, and maintained with the assistance of gardener Kyle Morgan, won the "Outstanding Retail Store and Landscaping" award.

The former residence of Mayor Kathy Bhardwaj at 308 Ocean, owned by Joan and Jim Baker, received the "Outstanding Secondary Unit Design" award.

The home of Patricia Jefferis at 543 Ocean was honored with the "Outstanding Fishing Village Exterior Remodel" designation.

The garden of 475 Wagner St., owned by Holly and John Frame, was selected "Outstanding Coastal Garden."

Harbor Moon, owned by Dr. James and Linda Gonzalez and managed by Joe and Lynda Moran, received the "Outstanding Vacation Dwelling" award.

Trinidad Museum's Native Plant Garden, thriving for six years due to the volunteer efforts of Jill Mefford, Ingrid Bailey, Virginia Waters, Laraine Cook and others, was chosen "Outstanding Native Plant Garden."

Vacation Dwelling Unit discussion

During the same City Council meeting on Sept. 9, Councilmembers Jack West and David Winnett and City Manager Dan Berman presented a detailed report on the much-discussed increase of vacation dwelling units (VDU) within the city limits since 2000. Currently, approximately 36 to 38 homes are utilized as vacation units in Trinidad. It is not certain exactly how many residences there are in Trinidad but there are 224 homes served by the community water system and a total of 290 water customers.

The council meeting was well attended by both proponents and opponents of vacation rentals, which bring Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues to the city, provide enjoyment for Trinidad's many visitors — some of whom have been vacationing in Trinidad for many years — and serve as a secondary home for owners who live elsewhere.

Some residents live next to vacation rentals and have become friends with the periodic visitors. Other residents' lives are disrupted by party

noise and bad manners.

A civilized and productive discussion took place, during which many opinions and suggestions were voiced centered around limiting the number of vacation dwellings from none in residential neighborhoods to letting the free market determine the appropriate number. The VDU Committee suggested limiting VDUs to 20 or 30.

In a popular coastal tourist destination of such beauty and desirability, this discussion will continue. The council pointed out that the situation is not unique, occurring in small towns up and down the Pacific Northwest.

A busy four days

Don't forget the Chamber of Commerce Tustin' Trinidad event in Saunders Park on Janis Court from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17. The opening of Trinidad Coastal Land Trust's Simmons Gallery behind Trinidad Library will occur at the same time.

HSU's Marine Laboratory Open House on Ewing Street at Edwards is set for Friday, Sept. 18 starting at 11 a.m.

Trinidad Civic Club will holds its community Rummage Sale on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Town Hall. A few tables still available. Call (707) 677-3685 to reserve one.

Westhaven Center for the Arts hosts a potluck dinner to introduce new director Roy King on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m., at 501 South Westhaven Dr. Call (707) 834-2479 for details.

As always, there is live music at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Plaza on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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NORTH COAST REDWOODS WRITERS' CONFERENCE The 15th annual North Coast Redwoods Writers' Conference is Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18 and 19 at the College of the Redwoods, Del Norte campus in Crescent City. The conference, which runs from 6 p.m. Friday to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, gives attendees the opportunity to learn from and network with published writers, as well as an editor/publisher.

Events include an introductory panel on "Writing is Magic," readings, concurrent workshops on writing and publishing, an open mic and critique sessions for attendees. The panel and readings on Friday evening are free to the public.

Writers giving readings are Julia Park Tracey (fiction and nonfiction, journalist and blogger) and Ellery Akers

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‘Passout event’ forecast borne out

• **Tuesday, August 25 7:45 p.m.** Having discontinued use of his medication, a man selected the front area of a Uniontown supermarket to have his “mental episode.”

• **Wednesday, August 26 1:08 a.m.** A man who had been huffing “Dust-Off” in a J Street apartment called a mental health facility to announce that he had a gun and might hurt himself.

10:51 a.m. A Ridge Road resident found her bike unlocked in front of her home, with some kind of “industrial scissors” nearby.

4:40 p.m. Multiple items valued at \$3,700 went missing from a Hilltop Court house.

7:59 p.m. A man who had been dragging a possibly intoxicated woman at 14th and K streets was arrested on a domestic violence charge.

• **Thursday, August 27 1:19 a.m.** A prowler who first knocked on the door then pushed his way into a Granite Avenue residence was arrested.

5:53 a.m. A man who sat at Shirley Boulevard and Park Avenue removing his clothes and slathering himself with paint

was gone when police arrived.

8:47 a.m. A gray-bearded man with a guitar threatened and harassed employees at a 10th Street recycling center while making paranoid statements about being videotaped. He was moved along.

9:10 a.m. A citizen complained about the Slob-Americans who inhabit the garbage- and shopping cart-strewn area around the Schwilly Tree at Seventh and D streets.

3:57 p.m. A bedreadlocked buffoon with a big knife threatened a female shopowner on H Street, giving armed grouchy hirsute indolent slouchabouts a bad name.

5:43 p.m. A silver Subaru is said to host a mobile heroin supply service. The drugs are purchased in Eureka with convenient delivery by appointment in Arcata and McKinleyville.

• **Friday, August 28 12:19 p.m.** A highly high man showed up at someone’s H Street house to report, accurately as was soon to be apparent, that he was having a “passout event.” With that, he passed out on the porch.



Paintball shooter, passenger arrested

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – Another of four suspects has been arrested in connection with the July paintball attack on local photographer Sean Patrick Leydon.

Marcus James Finney, one of three passengers in the vehicle from which the paintball gun was fired, was arrested in Eureka.

His arrest follows that of the vehicle’s driver, Benjamin Clay Albright, last month.

The suspected shooter, Derrick Smith, turned himself in, according to UPD Sgt. Chance Carpenter. He said Smith was released without being booked, and

no mug shot is available.

Finney “wasn’t very cooperative with the investigation, initially,” Carpenter said.

All three will be charged with assault and battery with force causing great bodily injury.

A fourth suspect, a juvenile, is not being identified.

Carpenter said the occupants of the vehicle engaged in “differing degrees of participation” in the attack.

Leydon’s left eye was severely injured in the incident, which took place at night near Humboldt State

University.

He is receiving medical treatment, and hopes to regain his vision in that eye.

A “Humboldt Fall Metalfest” benefit concert for Leydon is set for Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Eureka. The all-ages show begins at 2 p.m. and runs till 10 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested.

Leydon also has a GoFundMe page titled “Shot in the Face” to raise funds for his medical treatment. More information is available at leydon.com.



Marcus James Finney

Suicide | Identification expected ‘in short order’

❖ **FROM A1**

location was not considered a crime scene. “We determined that there was no foul play,” Peterson said.

“The cause of death was readily apparent,” Stewart said.

The identity of the victim is not known. No identification was found on the body, though fingerprints were obtained. APD

is looking at missing persons reports from Arcata and surrounding areas to see if there’s a match.

Police Chief Tom Chapman was confident that the identity would soon be determined.

“Right now, she’s a Jane Doe,” he said. “We should be able to solve it in short order.”

Earl channels his inner duck

• **Thursday, August 27 1:34 p.m.** If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it might be a duck, or it might be Earl Ingle of McKinleyville. Deputies were summoned to a residence on Terrace Garden Way, where a sauced-up man was reportedly yelling. When the first deputy arrived, he found Ingle standing on a deck yelling gibberish. Then, Ingle channeled his inner duck and started quacking. Ingle quacked and quacked, held his hands to his hips and wiggled his butt back and forth. When Ingle spotted a deputy admiring his fowlness, he kept on quacking

and waddled in circles. Ingle was gathered up and taken to a warm nest in the county jail to sober up.

5:56 p.m. A house guest from hell on Arthur Road in McKinleyville allegedly stole about \$2,800 in property while the host slept.

4:02 p.m. John Jones had one or two or three too many drinks, which left him curled up in the fetal position at a bus stop in Westhaven. Next stop: the drunk tank.

• **Saturday, August 29 10:30 a.m.** Mack Town’s criminal element now has more fire power after a car burglary on the 700 block of Hiller Road. Someone

left a backpack containing a gun in a vehicle. When a smash-and-grabber came through the neighborhood, the window was bashed and the backpack stolen.

2:23 p.m. A woman went to her soon-to-be-ex husband’s house on Anderson Avenue in McKinleyville to retrieve some items. But when she arrived, things turned ugly. Her ex – Rob Harvey – allegedly assaulted her, threatened to kill her and kicked her car hard enough to leave a dent. Harvey was already gone by the time deputies arrived. Harvey was later arrested and booked into the county jail on suspicion of battery on a cohabitant, vandalism and violation of probation.



HCSO mourns loss of Deputy Schlesiger, fund set up for kids

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – On Sept. 7, the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office lost one of its finest deputies.

Sadly, Corporal Rich Schlesiger lost his courageous battle with cancer.

A memorial service was held at the River Lodge in Fortuna on Sept. 13.

A donation account is set up at Redwood Capital Bank on behalf of Rich Schlesiger for his children’s college fund.

To make a donation, visit any of the branches in Arcata, Eureka, or Fortuna.

For information, please contact Redwood Capital Bank at (707) 444-9800.



The Schlesiger family. HCSO PHOTO

Trinidad Chevron robbed at knifepoint

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

TRINIDAD – The Chevron station in Trinidad was robbed Saturday, Sept. 12 by a man wielding a knife.

At about 7:57 a.m. Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office deputies were dispatched to the Trinidad Chevron station at 201 Main St. for a robbery that had just occurred.

Chevron employees reported that an unknown

male subject had entered the business and demanded money while brandishing a knife. The subject then fled the business on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect is described as a male, wearing black pants, grey/black tennis shoes and a grey or white hooded sweatshirt with a black T-shirt worn over it. The suspect also was reported to have used a piece

of cloth to obscure his face.

Deputies conducted a search of the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. This investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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Kinney, Tseeyaba Nekeech-awey, Aug. 3, 2015, to Priscella Morales and Isaac Kinney
March, Elov Ivan Hawk, Aug. 3, 2015, to Sara March and Morgan Jarl
Eschker, Elise Isabelle, Aug. 6, 2015, to Kathleen and Erick Eschker
Terrini, Ryland Alexander, Aug. 11, 2015, to Ashley Bartlett and Adam Terrini
Gibson, Alexander Cassidy, Aug. 12, 2015, to Shannon and Matthew Gibson
Tatman, Sullivan Orion, Aug. 12, 2015, to Rose and Sawyer Tatman
Tatman, Pearl Zappa, Aug. 12, 2015, to Rose and Sawyer Tatman
Brosemer-Brown, Wilder Bliss, Aug. 14, 2015, to Shira Brown and Garth Brosemer
Hines, Hailey May, Aug. 16, 2015, to Mekayla Holsinger and Glen Hines Jr.
Nicely Alfaro, Joah Timothy, Aug. 16, 2015, to Maria Alfaro and Joshua Paik-Nicely
Hall, Hudson Larkin, Aug. 16, 2015, to Shannon and Brian Hall
Nelson IV, Timothy Charles, Aug. 17, 2015, to Jessica White and Timothy Nelson
Mendoza, Grace Bella Donna, Aug. 18, 2015, to Jenisa and Ramon Mendoza
Robinson, Colt John, Aug. 18, 2015, to Nichole and John Robinson IV
Hiller, Emily Claire, Aug. 19, 2015, to Kaleena Stockwell and Jesse Hiller
Cypert, Gianna Mikaela, Aug. 19, 2015, to Athina Lazaridis and Jeremiah Cypert
Kelley, Tristan Jameson Lee, Aug. 19, 2015, to Morgan Duncan and David Kelley
Magnuson, Zariah Kalía, Aug. 19, 2015, to Kristen Girard-Magnuson and Seth Magnuson
Dennis, Kinsley Rae, Aug. 20, 2015, to Ashley Dennis
Wooten, Nyjah Aaliyah, Aug. 21, 2015, to Tawny Brown and Dominique Wooten
Ingemi, Logan Barrett, Aug. 23, 2015, to Kristina Tapia and Christopher Ingemi
Weaver, Willow Nicole, Aug. 24, 2015, to Ashley and Jeremy Weaver
Long, Trinity Lynn Marie, Aug. 24, 2015, to Shiloh Store and Jeremiah Long
Pierce, August Wellington, Aug. 25, 2015, to Angie and Andrew Pierce
Hopper, Lena Bess, Aug. 25, 2015, to Deborah Waxman and Brian Hopper
Crawford, Henley Louise, Aug. 29, 2015, to Jessica Sanderson and Kyle Crawford
Lester, Mason Michael, Aug. 31, 2015, to Courtney Chapman and Scott Lester
Nydegger, Edith Rose, Aug. 31, 2015, to Cynthia and Seth Nydegger
Hiner, Eva Leota, Aug. 31, 2015, to Errol O’Falahee and Matthew Gregory Hiner
Scown, Jacob Alan, Sept. 1, 2015, to Caitlin and Luke Scown

EAT BREAKFAST, SEE BETTER & STUFF THE BUS Extra special events will be happening at the Dow’s Prairie Grange, 3995 Dow’s Prairie Rd. in McKinleyville, during the monthly pancake breakfast and flea market on Saturday, Sept. 19. Breakfast is served from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; this month’s Back to School special is a sausage and cheese scramble. Large breakfasts are \$5, small are \$3. The flea market is held in the front hall until 3 p.m. For more information about having a table at the flea market, contact BJ Fitzpatrick at (707) 840-9878.

As an added bonus, the McKinleyville Lion’s Club will be offering a free spot vision screening from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This screening is open to individuals of all ages and is proven to be helpful in early detection of vision issues in children. The screening takes only seconds and participants will be given a detailed printout that shows the results.

The Grange breakfast and flea market are also a scheduled stop for the “Stuff the Bus” campaign being run by McKinleyville Kiwanis. A special “bus” will be there to collect school supplies and toiletries to be given to children and teens in need. Shop for bargains, enjoy a great breakfast and free vision screening and consider donating to help local school children all in one location.

Humboldt County Vital Records at the Public Health Dept. announces these recent departures from our community

Deaths

Phillips, Evonne Leota Barrett, of McKinleyville, Jan. 16, 1939 – July 30, 2015
Verhaegh, Charles Marcel, of Bayside, July 3, 1958 – Aug. 2, 2015
Reynolds, William Dale, of Arcata, March 2, 1950 – Aug. 4, 2015
Marquis, Jack Andrew, of Arcata, Feb. 13, 1922 – Aug. 6, 2015
Titlow, Charles Jacob, of McKinleyville, July 5, 1920 – Aug. 6, 2015
Hall, Nixon Cecil, of Orick, June 29, 1942 – Aug. 7, 2015
Blaine, Michael Roland, of Trinidad, Oct. 3, 1958 – Aug. 10, 2015
Lewis-Raymond, Maxine Virginia, of McKinleyville, April 15, 1940 – Aug. 10, 2015
Szymanski, Richard Lee, of Arcata, Dec. 21, 1942 – Aug. 11, 2015
Bennett, Beni, of McKinleyville, March 14, 1950 – Aug. 11, 2015
Hickie, Rhonda May, of McKinleyville, March 7, 1960 – Aug. 12, 2015
Kunkle, Janie Lee, of Trinidad, April 2, 1947 – Aug. 12, 2015
Shearer, Lola Jane, of Arcata, Aug. 19, 1924 – Aug. 12, 2015
Fitzgerald, Scott Joseph, of parts unknown, May 17, 1971 – Aug. 13, 2015
Schwichtenberg, Arnold Joseph, of Samoa, June 14, 1946 – Aug. 13, 2015
Broyles, Phyllis Freeland, of McKinleyville, Aug. 10, 1925 – Aug. 14, 2015
Parke, Barbara Elizabeth, of McKinleyville, June 19, 1922 – Aug. 14, 2015
Thoele, Gwendolyn Cosmonette May, of Arcata, May 25, 1938 – Aug. 16, 2015
Thueson, Gary, of Trinidad, Jan. 27, 1940 – Aug. 20, 2015
Sullivan, Eleanor Irene, of McKinleyville, July 2, 1929 – Aug. 25, 2015
Stubbs Sr., Anthony Jefferson, of McKinleyville, Nov. 17, 1958 – Aug. 27, 2015
McNelís, James Ignatius, of Arcata, Oct. 23, 1917 – Aug. 28, 2015
Kuhnhausen, Martha Jean, of Arcata, June 20, 1922 – Aug. 28, 2015
Edgar, Richard Alvin, of McKinleyville, May 5, 1936 – Aug. 31, 2015
Thomas, Carolyn Fay, of McKinleyville, Sept. 8, 1943 – Sept. 1, 2015

Hospice moves, keeps same phone number

HOSPICE OF HUMBOLDT
EUREKA – On Monday, Sept. 14, Hospice of Humboldt opened their new Home Care Building at 3327 Timber Fall Ct., Eureka. All clinical and administrative staff will be working from this location. The Hospice telephone number, (707) 445-8443, will remain the same so that patients, families and the general public may still contact Hospice at that familiar number.

As part of the new Hospice campus, which includes the Ida Emmerson Hospice House scheduled to open in the spring of 2016, the Home Care Building will house 80-plus employees with room for growth in the coming years. The building offers a conference room that can seat 120 at lecture-style seating; it will become available for public rental early next year.
“We had seriously outgrown our current

Myrtle Avenue offices,” said Executive Director Joe Rogers, “so when we made the plan five years ago to expand our services with an inpatient facility, we also decided to build the Home Care Building for the hospice staffing needs of the future.”

The Ida Emmerson Hospice House is scheduled to open in the spring of 2016. Facility tours will be available to the public prior to the grand opening. For additional information call Rogers at (707) 445-8443.

Hospice of Humboldt has been serving families locally for over 35 years, has a staff of over 80 employees and works with 119 volunteers. Hospice provided end-of-life care to 611 patients last year. The person-centered care Hospice provides allows patients comfort and dignity and gives families support at a time when they need it most. hospiceofhumboldt.org

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JOSH FOR BREAD**
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This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/IRICK LITTLEFIELD, MANAGING PARTNER
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ANNE GENEVIEVE MCCAULEY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150554
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: ANNE GENEVIEVE MCCAULEY to Proposed name ANNE GENEVIEVE HAZIEL.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: OCT. 16, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: AUG. 14, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN

Judge of the Superior Court
9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME DAKOTA THOMAS JOE MCCOVEY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150567
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner DAKOTA THOMAS JOE MCCOVEY has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: DAKOTA THOMAS JOE MCCOVEY to Proposed name DAKOTA THOMAS JOE MOSIER.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: OCT. 9, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed

in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: AUG. 24, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FRANKLIN EVENSON
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150600
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner FRANKLIN EVENSON has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: GENEVA PRECIOUSE ADEL STARRITT to Proposed name GENEVA JEAN EVENSON.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: OCT. 16, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in

the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
Date: SEP. 01, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME DANIEL RYAN BROWN-O'NEILL
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV150611
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: DANIEL RYAN BROWN-O'NEILL to Proposed name DANIEL RYAN GILCHRIST.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: OCT. 23, 2015
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in

the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: SEP. 08, 2015
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the **30th day of September, 2015 at 10 AM** on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household goods. In addition, the following units contain:
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9/16, 9/23

CITY OF ARCATA PUBLIC NOTICE

The Arcata Police Department received found property which included U.S. currency. The property was found at 884 9th St, Arcata, CA during the month of May 2015. Pursuant to Sec. 2080.3 of the Civil Code, the property, has been stored for 90 days, and has not been claimed and is hereby advertised as found. Owner must produce proof of ownership and claim

the property at the Arcata Police Department, 736 F Street, Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. When claiming property please refer to incident number 1505270085.

In addition the Arcata Police Department will be sending miscellaneous unclaimed property to auction. The Arcata Police Department participates in an online auction with other agencies across the country. We send bicycles, collectibles, electronics, jewelry, music/office/photography/sports equipment and tools on a bi-monthly basis. Found, recovered and unclaimed property items that have been researched and held for a minimum of 90 days are sent. The items will be sold to the highest bidder. You may access the list of property on your computer by entering www.propertyroom.com. That site will provide the information needed to view, bid on, claim or register property. Please call the Evidence Technician at (707) 822-2428 if you have any questions.

Eileen Verbeck
Administrative Analyst
DATED: September 11, 2015
9/16

LEGAL NOTICES

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AUDUBON MARSH FIELD TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 19. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Carol Wilson in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

AUDUBON SOHUM BIRD WALK Join Redwood Regional Audubon Society on Saturday, Sept. 19 for a bird walk at the Southern Humboldt Community Park in Garberville. Jay Sooter (707) 444-8001 and/or John Gaffin will lead this monthly walk. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to participate and revel in the beauty of the park and its avian inhabitants on this easy, two to three-hour walk. Binoculars are not provided and dogs are not allowed. Steady rain cancels. Meet at 8:30 a.m.; park by the kiosk near the farmhouse in the main entrance.

ANNUAL DAY OF CLEANUP For the 14th consecutive year, the United Way of Wine Country in Humboldt/Del Norte partners with the Northcoast Environmental Center and the City of Arcata for a Day of Caring and California Coastal Cleanup Volunteer Work Day at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to help care for one of Arcata’s premiere open spaces. Participants meet at 9 a.m. at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center parking lot on South G Street. Volunteers will remove trash and non-native plants like spartina from the Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. The city will provide gloves, tools and beverages. Please be sure to wear work clothes and closed-toe shoes or boots. At noon, volunteers are invited to a barbecue lunch at Sequoia Park in Eureka courtesy of the United Way. (707) 825-2163, eservices@cityofarcata.org

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Rich Ridenhour at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the plants, birds, and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

AUDUBON EUREKA WATERFRONT TRIP Accompany Redwood Region Audubon Society on Sunday, Sept. 20 for a field trip to the Eureka Waterfront. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at 9 a.m. at the foot of Del Norte Street, where participants will scope birds from the public dock. Attendees will then drive to the trailhead at Truesdale Street and bird along the trail through the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary. Contact Ralph at (707) 499-1247 or via email at thebook@reninet.com.



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Polystyrene (Styrofoam)/cement walls protect the compound situated atop a small hill above McCready Gulch and Garfield Elementary School in Freshwater, California.

An air sample taken near the walls tested positive for toluene and benzene, chemicals toxic to human and aquatic life.

Chemicals within polystyrene foam off-gas, leach, and powder into the environment.

Coho salmon and rainbow trout live in the creek below and are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Should the County investigate?



Friends of McCready Gulch
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Just reading about swimmer’s itch makes you itchy

DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) is reminding people that swimmer’s itch is a common hazard during warmer months in some of the lakes and slow-moving rivers and streams in Humboldt County.

Swimmer’s itch occurs when small parasites, released from infected snails, burrow under the skin of bathers. According to the Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention (CDC), a person may experience symptoms within minutes to days after swimming in affected water. Symptoms, which include tingling skin, moderate to severe itching and small bumps or blisters, usually subside on their own after a week or more.

To reduce the likelihood of developing swimmer’s itch, the CDC urges people not to swim in areas where swimmer’s itch is a known problem, in marshy areas where the snails are

known to be found or where signs have been posted warning of unsafe water.

Swimmers should also towel dry or shower immediately after leaving the water, as this helps remove the parasites before they burrow into the skin.

If you have questions about treatment, call your doctor.

For more information, call DHHS’s Division of Environmental Health at (707) 445-6215 or 1-800-963-9241 or visit cdc.gov/parasites/swimmersitch.

Those awful foam containers are going away

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Starting Thursday, Oct. 1, Arcata stores and food providers can no longer sell or dispense Styrofoam containers or coolers. This includes polystyrene foam cups, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, coverings, hinged or lidded clamshell containers and foam coolers that are not completely encased in more durable materials.

The Arcata City Council ordinance banning these containers received widespread public support. The new law applies to any person, group or business dispensing food or drink, regardless of whether they are charging for it, and any business selling polystyrene foam food containers or ice chests.

Polystyrene foam crumbles into small pieces and is easily blown into



FORBIDDEN FOAM Arcata’s polystyrene foam ban goes into effect on Thursday, Oct. 1. For more information, visit CityOfArcata.org.

GRAPHIC COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA

streets and waterways that flow into the ocean. Birds, fish and wildlife often mistake the particles for food, causing impaired intestinal tracts and sometimes starvation and death.

Alternative food containers are

available in paper or plastic and reusable containers have also been gaining in popularity. Items excluded from the ordinance include pre-packaged foods such as raw eggs and meat, and ramen noodles packaged in a foam cup. Vendors can apply for an exemption if they have overstocked supplies that cannot be returned to a distributor or if they have unique packaging needs.

Local food providers are being asked to use up their stores of polystyrene foam containers before the Oct. 1 deadline.

For more information about the polystyrene ordinance, visit CityOfArcata.org/Environmental-Services, contact the Arcata Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184 or email EServices@CityofArcata.org.

Part of Gold Bluffs Beach closing for restoration

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS GOLD BLUFFS BEACH – To ensure public safety, the northern section of Gold Bluffs Beach between Fern Canyon and Carruther’s Cove will be temporarily closed beginning Sept. 15.

Redwood National and State Parks Superintendents John Vallett and Steve Prokop announced the resumption of a cooperative project to remove approximately 100 acres of European beachgrass, an invasive, exotic plant, from the dunes of Gold Bluffs Beach in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park.

Due to the severity of the infestation, heavy equipment is being used in areas to dig and bury beachgrass. After initial treatment, any re-sprouts will be removed by hand. The heavy equipment phase of the project is scheduled to begin on Sept. 15 and conclude no later than Dec. 31.

The area in the immediate vicinity of working heavy equipment will be closed to the public for their safety (access along the waveslope and backdunes will be permitted). Outside of the work area, Gold Bluffs Beach will be open to the public for the duration of the project.

European beachgrass severely alters habitat for several rare species at Gold Bluffs Beach, including the federally threatened western snowy plover and pink sand verbena. The project site also provides potential habitat for the endangered beach layia and the tidewater goby.

Implementation of the project has been designed to minimize potential disturbance to the dune ecosystem and its species.

To avoid potential environmental impacts, the following measures were included in the planning:

- Timing the project to take place outside of the breeding period for western snowy plovers;
 - Conducting pre-project vegetation surveys to identify and clearly mark sensitive plant species so they can be avoided;
 - Restricting the movement of equipment to avoid potential tidewater goby habitat and to avoid collisions with plovers; and
 - Using park plover monitors to guide equipment across potential wintering habitat for the western snowy plover.
- In addition to benefiting the beach and dune ecosystem, this project is expected to improve both recreational experience and interpretive opportunities at Gold Bluffs Beach.
- For more information on the project contact Moe Morrisette at (707) 445-6547.

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